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THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Condolences from the Council of State of
Guatemala to the President on the Death
of Senator Kennedy

The enclosed message of condolence was received from the Council of State of Guatemala. The Council is an advisory body of prominent citizens whose influence has generally been used to discourage needed reforms.

The Department recommends that, instead of sending a direct reply signed by the President, the American Embassy in Guatemala City be instructed to make an appropriate acknowledgement on the President's behalf.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:.

Translation of message of condolence from
Guatemalan Council of State

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU THE DEEP SORROW FOR THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.
AMERICA IS FILLED WITH MOURNING.

COUNCIL OF STATE OF GUATEMALA



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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 182627

1. ASSUME REUTERS ITEM BASED ON KIMCHE STORY REPORTED OUR 9869
WHICH DEPT. MAY WISH REPEAT TELEGRAPHICALLY TO ADDITIONAL POSTS.

2. WE SHALL TRY SOUND OUT KIMCHE AFTER HE ARISES TODAY, BUT IN
PAST HE HAS BEEN UNCOOPERATIVE ABOUT REVEALING HIS "SOURCES"
TO USG OFFICIALS.

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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KIMCHE JUST POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY NOON SESSION WITH EMBOFF
WHICH HAD BEEN SET FOR THIS EVENING.

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JOINT STATE/USIS MESSAGE

REF: STATE 182627; LONDON 9869

UPI'S TEL AVIV CORRESPONDENT SIMON TELLS US HE HAS JUST
FILED STORY ON TALK WITH SIRHAN'S FATHER WHICH EFFECTIVELY
SHOOTS DOWN KIMCHE STORY (LONDON REFTEL). BOTH SIRHAN'S
FATHER AND A FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER OF HIS DENY SIRHAN EVER
MARRIED AND STATE OTHER DETAILS VERY IMPROBABLE. SIMON
SPECULATES KIMCHE MAY HAVE GOTTEN HIS STORY FROM BEIRUT
SOURCES AND POINTS OUT THERE VERY WELL MAY BE ANOTHER
SIRHAN WHO HAS PERSONAL HISTORY ALONG LINES REPORTED BY
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FEDERICO BIGI,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO:

1. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence
on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy
at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely,
Dean Rusk, UNQTE

2. Department does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by Bigi.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Bigi's message
to the Secretary.

QTE The new, terrible act of violence that has afflicted
the United States and ruthlessly snuffed out the generous life
of Robert Kennedy, taking away from all free men and free people
a vallant and noble champion of the ideals of freedom, justice,
and democracy, deeply moves the Government of the Republic of
San Marino, which joins in the sorrow of the American Government.

Please convey

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Please convey these sentiments to your government, adding the expressions of my personal heartfelt condolences. FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UNQTE

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REF: STATE 182627: LONDON 9869

1. BEIRUT PRESS JUNE 14 CARRIED WIRESERVICE REPORT MCCLOSKEY STATEMENT THAT DEPT HAS NOT RPT NOT INFORMATION THAT SIRHAM HAD LEFT US SUBSEQUENT 1957 AND RETURNED. PRESS CITES EXCERPTS JON KIMCHE ARTICLE FROM LONDON EVENING STANDARD STATING REAL NAME ASSASSIN ABU KHATER, THAT HE MARRIED LEILA MIKHAEL IN SALT 1957 AND THAT HE MADE TWO TRIPS TO MIDDLE EAST SPENDING FOUR MONTHS IN DAMASCUS 1964 AND FIVE MONTHS IN CAIRO LATE 1966 EARLY 1967. STORY CLEARLY BASED TEXT CONTAINED LONDON'S 9869.

2. KIMCHE ARTICLE APPARENTLY CARRIED ALL MAJOR WIRE SERVICES.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHERE KIMCHE OBTAINED MATERIAL UPON WHICH HE BASED HIS ARTICLE AND IS UNABLE COMMENT VERACITY ON STORY. WE HAVE NO REASON BELIEVE KIMCHE IS REFERRING TO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AS ONE WHICH "DEVELOPED STARTLING INFO." PORTER

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BELAUNDE:

1. QTE. The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE.

2. QTE. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE.

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Belaunde.

4. Following, FYI, is English text of President Belaunde's message to the President:

QTE. I wish to express to Your Excellency our deep consternation over the death of the illustrious Senator,

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Robert Kennedy. His death, resulting from violence in social and political affairs, prompts us to condemn such methods that attack human liberty and dignity, which have always been the tradition of the people of the United States and the foundation of their political institutions. Senator Kennedy's death is especially deplored in Peru since, during his tour of this continent, he revealed to us his noble political ideas, directed toward a better understanding of the problems facing our countries in order to achieve close and just cooperation between the Latin American republics and the United States.

Reiterating to Your Excellency the sorrow of the people and Government of Peru, I have the honor of renewing to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest personal consideration. Fernando Belaunde Terry, Constitutional President of Peru. UNQTE.

End.

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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2875

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SUBJECT: PROTESTING ASSASSINATION REACTIONS

REF: LUSAKA 2079

1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER AMBASSADOR GOOD SENT ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REUBEN KAMANGA ON JUNE 9 TAKING VIGOROUS EXCEPTION TO STATEMENTS MADE BY MINISTER OF STATE PETER CHANDA AND MINISTER W/O PORTFOLIO MAINZA CHONA (LUSAKA 2022 AND ENCLOSURE 3 PAGE 3 OF LUSAKA A-456) IMPLICATING "THOSE IN POWER" IN KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS. LETTER EXPLAINS AND ASKS UNDERSTANDING OF FORCES AT WORK IN AMERICA AND EXPRESSES UNDERSTANDING OF DEEP EMOTIONS CAUSED BY ASSASSINATION BUT CATEGORICALLY REFUSES ACCEPT DIABOLICAL ASSERTIONS THAT "THOSE IN POWER" IN AMERICA TODAY SOMEHOW PERPETRATED KENNEDY'S DEATH OR THAT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS IN HANDS OF A "THUG." THIS IS LETTER THAT EVOKED KAMANGA PRESS STORY REPORTED REFTEL. EMBASSY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW IN SEPTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT (UNESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED): MY DEAR MR. MINISTER: I MUST TAKE MOST VIGOROUS EXCEPTION TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY SENIOR MEMBERS OF ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT, AS REPORTED IN PRESS, THAT ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WAS "SCHEMED BY THOSE IN POWER," THAT HE WAS KILLED BY A "MERCENARY" (BY IMPLICATION, A "MERCENARY" OF THOSE IN POWER), AND THAT "TO SURVIVE AS PRESIDENT IN AMERICA TODAY ONE HAS TO BE A THUG."

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3. AMERICA HAS LOST ONE OF HER NOBLEST SONS AT HANDS, NOT OF AN AMERICAN BUT (IF ACCUSED IS FOUND GUILTY) A FOREIGNER EVIDENTLY DERANGED BY AN ISSUE HAVING NOTHING TO DO WHATSOEVER WITH AMERICAN DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. IT IS MATTER TO ME OF OFFICIAL CONCERN AND PERSONAL SORROW THAT IN THESE SAD CIRCUMSTANCES I, MY COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT I REPRESENT HAVE BEEN MADE OBJECT OF ABUSE--MUCH OF WHICH WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE ONLY FOR GOVERNMENTS STANDING IN AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP.

4. I CAN UNDERSTAND DEEP EMOTIONS WHICH HAVE WELLED UP IN ZAMBIA FOLLOWING THIS APPALLING EVENT, FOR THESE EMOTIONS AND SENTIMENTS, I CAN ASSURE YOU, ARE MORE PROFOUND BY FAR IN AMERICA AND TO HUMANE IDEALS (IDEALS WHICH ALAS WE, AS PERHAPS ALL NATIONS, FALL FAR SHORT OF REALIZING) AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY MOST AMERICANS, EVEN THOSE WHO DID NOT AGREE WITH HIM, AS YOUNG LEADER OF VISION AND DEDICATION.

5. I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR ABHORRENCE OF BLIND HATE AND VIOLENCE, FOR TODAY THIS ABHORRENCE IS ALMOST AN OBSESSION AMONG AMERICANS WHO HAVE BEEN CAUGHT AGAIN INTO NATIONAL MOURNING AND PERSONAL GRIEF BY A VIOLENT ACT. I CAN ONLY INVITE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF VAST FORCES WHICH HISTORY HAS UNLEASHED IN AMERICA AND WITH WHICH WE NOW ARE GRAPPLING--PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS AS WE PURSUE OUR REVOLUTION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN OUR HETEROGENEOUS, MELTING-POT SOCIETY; PROBLEMS OF ACUTE URBANIZATION WHICH HAVE DEPERSONALIZED OUR CITIES; PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WHICH BRING TO OUR VERY DOORSTEP EVERY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WHICH UNSETTLES OUR TROUBLED WORLD--ALL OF WHICH CAN BE, HAVE BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PRODUCTIVE OF VIOLENT REACTIONS WITHIN MY COUNTRY.

7. I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR SHOCK AT WHAT MUST APPEAR TO BE AMERICA'S RECKLESSNESS WITH LIVES OF ITS EMINENT MEN. WE AMERICANS ARE SHOCKED THREE-FOLD--AND DEEPLY PERPLEXED. WE HAVE RIGHTLY

BEEN ACCUSED OF LAX GUN-CONTROL LAWS WHICH NOW, THANK GOD, ARE AT LAST BEING RECTIFIED. BUT TIGHTEST CONTROLS THAT CAN BE DEvised WILL NOT PREVENT A MAD MAN FROM ILLEGALLY OBTAINING A LETHAL WEAPON, AND BEST SECRET SERVICE IN THE WORLD DID NOT SAVE JOHN KENNEDY WHEN HE INSISTED ON RIDING IN OPEN CAR. OUR TRADITION, OF WHICH WE ARE RIGHTLY

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PROUD, IS OPEN POLITICAL COMPETITION WITH TOTAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC. BOB KENNEDY HIMSELF WAS RECENTLY ASKED ABOUT DANGER OF ASSASSINATION AND REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO WAY TO PROTECT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY SINCE HE MUST GIVE HIMSELF TO THE PEOPLE. CLEARLY WE WILL HAVE TO DO BETTER, FOR PRICE WE HAVE PAID IS INTOLERABLE--BUT THE PROBLEM, OBJECTIVELY CONSIDERED, IS GREAT. NO CANDIDATE FOR MAJOR OFFICE IN AMERICA WELCOMES CONSTRAINT OF SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION.

8. THESE VARIOUS EMOTIONS AND VIEWS I CAN UNDERSTAND, EVEN AS I INVITE YOU TO A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF ENVIRONMENT IN AMERICA WHICH HAS PRODUCED THEM. WHAT I CAN NEITHER UNDERSTAND NOR ACCEPT, MR. MINISTER, IS NOTION THAT "THOSE IN POWER" IN AMERICA TODAY HAVE SOMEHOW PERPETRATED SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION OR THAT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS IN HANDS OF A "THUG." THEY ARE TRULY DIABOLICAL ASSERTIONS-- AND CONSTITUTE AN UNWITTING, BUT I BELIEVE OPEN INVITATION TO "HATE AMERICA," AN ATTITUDE WHICH IS LIKELY IF PERPETUATED TO CONTRIBUTE TO, RATHER THAN DIMINISH, THOSE TERRIBLE AND SENSELESS FORCES OF IRRATIONALITY WHICH ARE COMMON ENEMY OF US ALL. YOURS SINCERELY, ROBERT C. GOOD. END TEXT. DECONTROL AT DEPT DISCRETION. EDMONDSON

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DAR ES SALAAM FOR AMB GOOD

SUBJECT: PROTESTING ASSASSINATION REACTIONS; COMMENTS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: LUSAKA 2079 AND 2080

1. KAMANGA HAS ADDED INSULT TO INJURY BY COMMENTING TO PRESS ON AMBASSADOR'S LETTER WITHOUT EVEN REPLYING TO EMBASSY. THEN WHILE DENYING ANY INTENT BLAME USG AND IGNORING PREVIOUS CHARGES THAT ASSASSINATION WAS MASTERMINDED BY "THOSE IN POWER," HE NEVERTHELESS CHARACTERIZES US SYSTEM AS "POLITICS OF GUNPOWDER" AND IMPLIES RECENT ASSASSINATION MUST BE PART OF PLOT.

2. WHILE EMBASSY SEES NO PURPOSE TO BE ACHIEVED IN ENGAGING IN FURTHER DIALOGUE ON THIS EMOTION-LADEN SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION KNOWN BOTH PUBLICLY (A-456 ENCL. 8) AND BY AMBASSADOR'S UNPUBLISHED LETTER (LUSAKA 2079) WE ARE TRULY DISTURBED BY GRZ'S UNDIPLOMATIC BEHAVIOR IN ONCE MORE TAKING MATTER TO PRESS AND MAKING OFFICIAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT OUR DOMESTIC POLITICS. THUS WHILE WISHING AMBASSADOR'S EXCELLENT LETTER COULD BE READ BY THOSE WHO READ KAMANGA'S ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OUR SOCIETY, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD ONLY STIR UP MORE CONTROVERSY. AT SAME TIME, ALTHOUGH TEMPTED BY EASY COURSE OF LETTING MATTER DROP IN HOPES IT WILL NOT BE BELABORED MORE, WE QUESTION WHETHER WE SHOULD ALLOW GRZ TO THINK WE ACCEPT THIS BIZARRE

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TREATMENT WITHOUT PROTEST (ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF ZAMBIAN TENDENCY TO ASSUME THAT SILENCE IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE). EMBASSY THEREFORE BELIEVES SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO REGISTER OUR DISSATISFACTION WITHOUT REOPENING SUBSTANCE OF MATTER OR EXACERBATING FEELINGS ANY MORE THAN NECESSARY. ACCORDINGLY, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT COMMENTS OR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING COURSE OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BELOW.

3. SUGGEST CHARGE SIGN FIRST PERSON FORMAL NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO FOREIGN MINISTER DELIVERING IT PERSONALLY TO MFA PERMANENT SECRETARY MULIKITA WITH BRIEF ORAL EXPLANATION OF OUR HOPE THAT EXCHANGES OF THIS NATURE COULD BE KEPT WITHIN PROPER BOUNDS OF CANDID BUT QUIET DIPLOMACY.

A. BEGIN TEXT. EXCELLENCY: I HAVE HONOR TO REFER TO ARTICLE ENTITLED "KAMANGA REPLIES TO US PROTEST" APPEARING PAGE 5 OF ZAMBIA MAIL JUNE 14, 1968 AND TO EXPRESS MY SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT THAT AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM AMBASSADOR OF UNITED STATES SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN PUBLIC PRESS RATHER THAN THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS OF DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.

B. AMBASSADOR'S LETTER OF JUNE 9 WAS INTENDED TO POINT OUT HARMFULNESS OF AND TOTAL LACK OF FOUNDATION FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS MADE BY SOME SENIOR MEMBERS OF ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT DOMESTIC POLITICS OF UNITED STATES.

C. AMBASSADOR HAD EARLIER BEEN ASKED BY PRESS FOR HIS REACTION TO SUCH ALLEGATIONS BUT CONFINED HIS REPLY TO SUBSTANCE OF MATTER WITHOUT IDENTIFYING SOURCES OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS OR COMMENTING ON PROPRIETY OF THEIR BEING DIRECTED BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA AGAINST GOVERNMENT ("THOSE IN POWER") AND PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES.

D. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS MOST REGRETTABLE THAT DOMESTIC POLITICS OF UNITED STATES WHICH FALL SOLELY WITHIN JURISDICTION OF USG HAVE BEEN MADE TO APPEAR A MATTER OF PUBLIC CONTENTION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

E. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, ETC. END TEXT.

4. WOULD ALSO PROPOSE PROVIDE COPIES THIS AND PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE TO PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT MARK CHONA WHO WE BELIEVE CAPABLE OF SEEING OUR VIEWPOINT OBJECTIVELY.

5. FINALLY SUGGEST AFSE COUNTRY DIRECTOR CALL AMBASSADOR BANDA IN TO EXPRESS CONCERN AT WAY IN WHICH GRZ HAS DEALT

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WITH MATTER. NOTE IN PARA 3 ABOVE COULD ALSO BE STRENGTHENED BY AUTHORIZING CHARGE TO STATE IN FIRST PARA (1A) THAT HE INSTRUCTED BY DEPT TO "EXPRESS SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT" ETC.

6. REQUEST DEPT REPLY BY IMMEDIATE IF SENT OVER WEEKEND.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2079
DAR ES SALAAM FOR AMBASSADOR GOOD

SUBJECT: PROTESTING ASSASSINATION REACTIONS

1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTER KAMANGA HAS REPLIED THROUGH THE PRESS TODAY (BUT SO FAR NOT TO THE EMBASSY) TO LETTER AMB GOOD SENT HIM JUNE 9 TAKING EXCEPTION TO STATEMENTS BY SENIOR GRZ OFFICIAL SAYING THAT ASSASSINATION TO SENATOR KENNEDY WAS "SCHEMED BY THOSE IN POWER" AND THAT TO "SURVIVE AS PRESIDENT IN AMERICA TODAY ONE HAS TO BE A THUG." KAMANGA, WHILE DENYING TO PRESS THAT ZAMBIA BLAMED SENATOR'S DEATH ON USG, NEVERTHELESS WENT ON TO SAY IT DIFFICULT BELIEVE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY--OR OF HIS BROTHER AND MARTIN LUTHER KING--COULD BE WORK OF MADMAN AND EVEN THEN "A MADMAN CAN BE USED AS AND INSTRUMENT." HE ASKED "WHY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY SUPPLY THE [WAR] MATERIALS LEFT UNTOUCHED? WE DON'T KNOW WHO HAS BEEN COMMITTING THE MURDERS BUT THERE HAS DEFINITELY BEEN SOME CAREFUL PLANNING." FOLLOWING GIVES FULLTEXT. TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S LETTER AND COMMENTS BEING SENT SEPTELS. END SUMMARY.

2. ARTICLE BELOW APPEARED ON P. 5 OF GRZ-OWNED AMBIA MAIL JUNE 14 UNDER HEADLINE "KAMANGA REPLIES TO US PROTEST" UNESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED.

3. REGIN DEYT. LUSAKA, THURSDAY-- THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY HERE HAS PROTESTED AGAINST ZAMBIA'S REACTION TO ASSASSINATION LAST WEEK OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. REUBEN KAMANGA, SAID PROTEST NOTE IMPLIED THAT ZAMBIA BLAMED SENATOR'S DEATH ON US GOVERNMENT.

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4. BUT MR. KAMANGA EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS MISUNDERSTANDING OF ZAMBIA'S VIEW WHICH WAS OUTLINED BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON HIS RETURN FROM VISIT KENYA AND UGANDA LAST WEEK.

5. MR. KAMANGA SAID: "THIS IS NOT WHAT PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA ARE SAYING. WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS THAT AMERICAN POLITICS HAVE BECOME POLITICS OF GUNPOWDER--WHETHER THEY ADMIT IT OR NOT."

6. THE MINISTER, WHO ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON HIS EAST AFRICAN TOUR, SAID NOTE WAS HANDED IN BY US AMBASSADOR, MR. ROBERT GOOD--WHO WAS AMONG FOREIGN DIPLOMATS WHO WELCOMED PRESIDENT KAUNDA AT LUSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN.

7. MR. KAMANGA SAID: "IT IS NOT GOOD TO HIDE SOMETHING BAD-- IT MUST BE CONDEMNED FOR WHAT IT IS. AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST PROVE THEY ARE DECENT AND DISASSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM THIS VERY BAD THING WHICH HAS OCCURRED SO FREQUENTLY IN RECENT YEARS."

8. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY, OR THAT OF HIS BROTHER PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, COULD BE WORK OF MAD MEN. EVEN THEN, "A MAD MEN CAN BE USED AS AN INSTRUMENT", MINISTER POINTED OUT.

9. MR. KAMANGA SAID IT WAS "FAR-FETCHED" TO SUGGEST THAT "SENATOR KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED BECAUSE OF PRO-ISRAEL REMARKS HE HAD MADE SOMETIME BACK ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION."

10. "COULD HE HAVE DIED JUST FOR THIS?" MR. KAMANGA ASKED. WHY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY SUPPLY THE (WAR) MATERIALS LEFT UNTOUCHED? WE DON'T KNOW WHO HAS BEEN COMMITTING THE MURDERS BUT THERE HAS DEFINITELY BEEN SOME CAREFUL PLANNING."

11. ZAMBIA WANTED FRIENDSHIP WITH AMERICA LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN FEARING TO SPEAK OUT ON SUCH IMPORTANT, INTERNATIONAL MATTERS AS POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS, MINISTER SAID.

12. ON HIS RETURN FROM EAST AFRICA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA COMMENTED ON DEATH OF THE KENNEDYS AND DR. KING: "WE MUST MAKE OUR VIEW KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. WE FAIL TO UNDER STAND THAT

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LEADERS OF THAT TYPE...CAN BE ASSASSINATED AT ALL."

13. PRESIDENT CRITICISED WHAT HE CALLED "A VERY STRANGE PATTERN" WHERE OUTSTANDING LEADERS COULD ONLY BE PROTECTED WHEN THEY WERE DEAD. HE SAID 500 POLICE OFFICERS HAD BEEN AT NEW YORK AIRPORT ONLY TO RECEIVE ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEAD BODY.

14. PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID: "WE REGARD THOSE PEOPLE WHO STRIKE AT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AS OUR FRIENDS. BOBBY KENNEDY WAS ONE OF FEW AMERICAN LEADERS WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH POOR. FOR A RICH MAN TO COME DOWN AND SPEAK VOICE OF THE POOR," HE DECLARED, "IS NOT AN EASY THING TO ACHIEVE." END TEXT.

15. TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S LETTER AND COMMENTS FOLLOW.

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TO : Department of State
FROM : Amconsul SALISBURY
DATE: June 14, 1968
SUBJECT : Death of Senator Robert Kennedy
REF : Salisbury 969

Initial reactions in Rhodesia to the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy were summarized in the referenced telegram. After the first day, when we received a heavy volume of telephone calls, including a few from Africans, there was a sharp fall-off in calls to the Consulate General expressing distress and offering condolences. A small volume of letters has been received mostly from moderate Europeans. The more significant or interesting ones are being sent separately for possible forwarding to the Kennedy family. All have been acknowledged.

The tiny American Men's Club, with assistance from the post, organized a memorial service on Monday, June 10. (The church was not available on the 9th.) Attendance was only fair. It had been expected that there would be more local liberal-moderates present than was actually the case. On the whole, however, considering the unpopularity of Senator Kennedy's views among white Rhodesians, there was a great deal of shock and concern expressed.

Editorials appeared in the "Rhodesia Herald" and Bulawayo "Chronicle" for June 6 and in the "Sunday News" (Bulawayo) for June 9 (copies enclosed). Extracts from the first two were contained in our 969.

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Enclosure:
1. Newspaper articles (3).

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The Rhodesia Herald

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1968

SHALL THE ASSASSIN RULE?

"... We wish that the general indignation would give way to the will to banish from ourselves the methods of violence and crime."—The Pope, in his statement deploring the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy.

THERE were cries of "Kill him—lynch him!" before the suspect was taken away in the protective custody of the Los Angeles police; the context in which the Pope spoke is very real.

In effect he was pointing out that the situation is not changed by rage. Those who express indignation may be the same stuff as the killer they denounce. Another way to put it would be to say that America's killers are part of American society and American society should cleanse itself.

But how? It is not for people outside America to say; and it is not as though Americans are not trying.

Most citizens of the United States are law-abiding and deeply sensitive to behaviour. Yet their society is streaked with private aggression and violence—marred by them as perhaps the life of no other sophisticated nation is.

American national life did not begin in the womb of a new civilization, as national life did in Europe, but rather in a kind of vacuum; and it passed through its formative stages in an unnaturally short space of time. As far as moral values go all Europe and America seem to be living on their capital, but America did not have nearly so long to accumulate hers.

American plays and films show an unceasing search for an ethic of living in society. If the search has not succeeded in America neither has it in much of Europe. But there seem to be a greater number of violent public tragedies in America; at this rate public life is becoming dramatically unsafe, and good men contemplating an entry into politics may be reluctant to risk the fate of a Kennedy or a Luther King.

The American people are not faced merely with the horror of violence and personal tragedy; they are faced with a terrible threat to the character of politics itself.

Politics as the West knows them cannot co-exist for long with the assassin: in a conflict between the two is the assassin to rule the field? The weapons at his disposal are much easier to use than the dagger and the poisoned cup. And if he does rule, what happens to the nature of government?

The Chronicle

Thursday, June 6, 1968

THIS DREADFUL ACT

EXACTLY three months ago today we wrote in this column: "Shock. Grief. Shame. These words express reaction to the brutal, senseless murder of Dr. Martin Luther King."

It is with horror that we have to repeat them today because of the brutal, senseless shooting of Robert Kennedy.

It is an appalling indictment of the American society. America bills itself as the "greatest democracy on earth". Yet its citizens refuse to settle their political differences in a civilised way.

Time and again they have resorted instead to the ways of the jungle — the twentieth century "jungle" of a great technocracy and the deadly weapons it has used its skills to produce.

It is an added indictment that the so-called "gun lobby" abuses the freedom which its members enjoy as citizens of a great democracy to frustrate all moves to control efficiently the sale and use of these weapons—that it is prepared instead to be an accessory to murder and assassination (for that is what it amounts to) rather than have its thriving business curtailed.

America—and Americans—should hang their heads while this is allowed to persist.

Whatever one may think of the Kennedys, they are a remarkable family of extraordinary energy and ability. Two of their number have been gunned down—one while President and the other an aspirant President.

The same can be said of Dr. Martin Luther King—and of the other great Americans, including Abraham Lincoln, whose death has come through violence.

Southern Africa, for all the abuse hurled at it (by Americans among others) can thank God that this is one charge that cannot be made against it up to now — though the United Nations, in its latest resolutions, would appear to be bent on giving "moral and material aid" to those bent on this course.

The Chronicle agrees with the Vice-President of Nigeria, Mr. Durosin Lamina, who said: "The Town of Robert Kennedy's shooting."

"It is a tragedy because it is another futile example of the horror of violence. Violence of this sort can only be a curse to mankind."

And we join with Vice-President Hubert Humphrey in saying (in the name, we are sure, of all our readers) that "our hopes and prayers are with Senator Kennedy and those others who have been the victims of this dreadful act . . . it is a terrible thing that has happened. Our thoughts go out to Mrs. Kennedy and the children and families of the other wounded."

June 2.

The Sunday News

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MANY MORE

THE hand which held the gun that struck down Robert Kennedy last week triggered shock, horror and anger not only in one country and not alone among his fellow Americans. This duplication of the tragic conclusion to his even more famous brother's career has very properly aroused the deepest sympathy and most sincere concern of many peoples in many lands — Rhodesians and South Africans among them.

In the manner in which an end has been put to a public figure's life — taken cold-bloodedly, deliberately, neither prompted by personal hatred, nor conceived in the turmoil of war and battle — there is a reflection of all those other instances when men have resorted, and still resort, deliberately to murder as an instrument of politics, substituting bullets for ballots and violence for reasoning.

Such methods are claiming their victims everywhere, but because the majority do not live in the limelight of international affairs few but their own immediate circles mourn them. None the less they are equally the targets of political terrorism — and in Africa alone the toll in the past decade has reached terrible proportions.

And that figure will grow — in Africa and elsewhere. Not only are there still men who are ready to use this weapon, but what is worse there are others, organisations and individuals (such as the U.N. Security Council and its members) prepared to condone such actions when it suits their purpose.

Assassins who gun down the leaders of nations are no more despicable than those whose victims are comparative nonentities, but the acts of the former bring home to a hitherto complacent public the enormity of such crimes.

It is saddening that prominent men must fall before the consciences of their fellows are stirred . . . it is also a bitter commentary on world trends.

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FROM : Amconsul, SUVA

DATE: June 14, 1968

SUBJECT : Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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1. The Consulate has received twenty-eight telegrams and letters of condolence from foreign organizations and persons in Fiji and elsewhere on the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, as well as an official call on the Consul by the Chief Minister of Fiji, Ratu K. K. T. Mara, to express his personal sympathy and that of the people of Fiji on the death of Senator Kennedy. A list of those persons and organizations who have formally written to the Consulate is attached as an enclosure to this airgram, should any acknowledgment of the writers' expressions of sympathy for Mrs. Kennedy be contemplated. Members of the Consulate staff have of course received numerous personal expressions of regret and condolences for Mrs. Kennedy from the Suva community.
2. A letter from the Consul has already been sent to the Department for forwarding to Mrs. Kennedy conveying the sympathies expressed by the Premier of Tonga and the Governor of Fiji and informing Mrs. Kennedy of Ratu Mara's call on the Consul.
3. A Requiem Mass for Senator Kennedy was said by the Archbishop of Suva, the Most Rev. George Pearce, in the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Suva on June 11. The Chief Minister, Ratu Mara, and the Consul attended.
4. Press and editorial comment on the Senator's assassination has been extensive in Fiji, but has been factual and restrained. Some criticism of U.S. gun laws has been expressed.

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1. List of Names.

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1. H.R.H. Prince Tu'ipelenhake, Premier of Tonga, Nuku'alofa.
Telegram: "... all Tonga received the sad news with profound regret and sorrow ... may God's peace be with her during her time of trial."
2. H.E. Sir Derek Jakeway, Governor of Fiji, Suva.
Letter: "I write to express my deep sense of outrage at the tragic and senseless assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy All in Fiji will, I know, share my feeling that the world, as well as the U.S., has lost a citizen of incalculable value, and will wish to be associated in sympathy with your country and the Kennedy family in this global bereavement."
3. The Hon. Ratu K. K. T. Mara, Chief Minister of Fiji, Suva.
Personal call.
4. The Hon. H. Ritchie, Minister of Finance, Government of Fiji, Suva.
Letter.
5. Robert N. Birch, Australian Commissioner in Fiji, Suva.
Letter.
6. Frederick F. Davis, Consular Agent of France, Suva.
Letter.
7. Supt. James H. Hempstead, M.B.E., for Fiji Police Band, Suva.
Letter.
8. B. S. Seeto, Chairman, for Kuo Min Tang and Chinese Community in Fiji.
Letter.
9. K. C. Ramrakha, Assistant Secretary, for Federation Party, Suva.
Letter.
10. The Ven. J. L. Bryce, for Diocese of Polynesia, Suva.
Letter.
11. Rev. E. E. Samusamuvodre, Tavua, Fiji (Methodist).
Letter.
12. Mr. Hari Prasad, Nandi Airport Post Office, Nandi, Fiji.
Letter.
13. Mr. Y. P. Reddy, G.P.O. Box 80, Suva.
Letter.
14. Mr. Ramanlal P. Gandhi, G.P.O. Box 151, Suva.
Letter.

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15. Mr. D. Parshotam, for Parshotam Brothers, Ltd., G.P.O. Box 131, Suva.
Letter.
16. Mr. I. D. Kapadia, for Suva Retailers' Association, G.P.O. Box 624,
Suva. (Letter)
17. Miss Indra Sen, 37 Haon Street, Toorak, Suva, Fiji.
Letter.
18. Xavier College, from Principal and staff, Ba, Fiji.
Telegram.
19. Mr. John Rao, Suva, Fiji.
Telegram.
20. Garage Staff, Public Works Department, Lautoka, Fiji.
Letter - multiple signatures.
21. Mr. C. L. Cheng, Joong Hing Loong Co. Ltd., Suva.
Letter.
22. Mr. P. Salyan, President, for Lautoka City-Trade Leaders' Association,
Lautoka, Fiji. (Letter)
23. Mr. Navwarlal P. Gandhi, Manager Fiji Breeze (newspaper), Suva
Letter.
24. Fiji Bharatiya Kavi Samiti (Indian religious group), P. O. Box 156,
Nandi, Fiji. (Letter signed by Secretary).
25. Mr. K. R. Jogia, Cumming Street, Suva.
Letter.
26. Mr. Kikoo J. Kapadia, President, for Suva Indian Chamber of Commerce,
G.P.O. Box 347, Suva. (Letter)
27. Mr. A. J. Patel, Manager, for New India Assurance Co., Ltd.,
P. O. Box 71, Suva. (Letter)
28. G. Deoki, for Girl Guides Association, Suva.
Letter.
29. Mr. Manilal K. Jogia, President, for Suva Indians, Suva.
Letter.

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FROM : Amconsul MONTREAL

SUBJECT : Montrealers, Too, Mourned for Senator Kennedy

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Montrealers seemed to be as horrified, as sorrowful, and as bewildered by the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy as their American cousins; their grief seemed to be as deep and their involvement as great; in large numbers also they watched television, listened to car radios, and read the broad coverage supplied by their newspapers. And like Americans they waited in lines and they prayed.

They came to the Consulate General to inscribe their messages of condolences before it was announced that a book of condolence would be displayed. They formed a line that was to continue moving for eight and one half hours daily from Thursday through Monday. Some merely wrote their names; others added prayers or told of their regard for the man. There was an inscription in Vietnamese among the hundreds in English or French. Their signatures filled four books.

Flags throughout the city were lowered to half staff on Friday and continued so through Canada's official day of mourning on Sunday.

Telephone messages and telegrams of sympathy from friends and strangers began to be received early on Thursday morning, to be followed by scores of cards and letters from consular representatives, local officials, and the public.

Mayor Drapeau's expression of sympathy included the observation that "Senator Kennedy, father of a large family, will remain one of the most striking symbols of this generation of men who want to create a new world, one based on the principles of order, love, and peace."

Enclosure:
Montreal Press Reaction to the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy

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Archbishop Gregoire celebrated a memorial mass at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral in mid-Montreal at noon on Friday. As part of the service an organist played a funeral march by André MATHIEU, a noted Quebec composer, who had died twelve hours before Senator Kennedy. The Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishop Cihmichella (whose beautiful tribute in French and English will be forwarded as part of the memorabilia) joined the congregation for a moment following the service to express their personal condolences to the Acting Principal Officer of this Consulate General. The Mayor and members of his Executive Council and the Dean of the Montreal Consular Corps were among those attending the memorial service. Numerous other religious observances have also commemorated the tragedy.

Press, radio, and television coverage of the events of June 6-9, in both English and French, was vast; editorial reaction was generally sympathetic (see enclosure).

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MONTREAL PRESS REACTION TO THE ASSASSINATION OF
UNITED STATES SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Excerpts from Editorials in The Montreal Star:

June 5. "THE TRAGEDY OF ROBERT KENNEDY. Where does it end? ... Our system...is, for all its obvious strengths, a fragile political mechanism...There is no simple answer to what is happening. But, without a return to law and order, using both as shields not weapons, we are heading swiftly towards disaster...The alternative is Dallas, Memphis, Los Angeles, again and again and again. And with it, for a certainty, a frightened reaction by the great body of ordinary men and women which can lead somewhere close to tyranny."

June 6. "...To the white man Kennedy might have appeared shrewd and calculating -- too much a politician -- but to the Negro he was the only white man who spoke a language that could be considered sincere...We pray that this latest tragedy may yet be translated into meaning by shocking all men into acceptance of the values Senator Kennedy demanded at home and overseas...Perhaps a new generation may discover that positive values are obtainable without turmoil...There is nothing to say that tighter controls would have prevented his shooting; but they might have helped."

June 7. "...No wrongs have ever been righted by acts of violence, but the opposite is equally true - that insensitivity to the needs of a society inevitably breeds its own anarchy. We have not yet generated the heat of passion in this country which is sweeping over the American nation, but we can achieve a formidable temperature unless those who govern and those with power are as quick to remedy real and imagined injustice as they are to repress its surface manifestations."

"...The assassination of Senator Kennedy has brought the inevitable sermons on violence, including one from President Johnson. Yet the grossest example of violence in the world today is Viet Nam..."

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June 8. "...We are tired of hearing the pat reply: 'It is people who kill, not guns.' Nonsense; people with guns can kill. The gun lobbyists have no reason to be proud of their position, and Canada cannot afford to succumb to their propaganda barrage."

June 10. "...Robert Kennedy's death will not be avenged in the punishment of his murderer but in the enactment of legislation he sought, to raise people above the hopelessness of social and economic deprivation and elevate every man to his rightful place in the sun. And in the sorrow of last weekend, there was also hope that at last a nation and its government would respond."

Excerpts from Editorials in The Gazette:

June 6. "...While the United States does well to search its own soul, what nation can justify any haste in hurling the first stones? Violence is all over the world. It is even here in Canada, that moderate country of other years. It has practically dissolved the government of France. It is now eroding the government of Italy. It characterizes the campuses of most universities...The law is not a menu, from which any citizen may pick and choose the items that happen to be most pleasing to his palate...The shots fired at Robert F. Kennedy were not fired by one man's finger on the trigger. They were triggered by a country, and by a world, that is tolerating anarchy's return..."

John Collins' cartoon captioned "American Gothic," after the well-known Grant Wood's painting, caricatures the farmer as "Violence" and his wife as "Hate," their faces distorted by these passions, one holding a smoking gun and the other a revolver.

June 7. "...In Robert Kennedy's view, the tasks to which he had dedicated himself, as his brother had dedicated himself, were too important to count the possible costs to himself...There is no question, however, that the nation has lost a most valuable son..."

John Collins' cartoon captioned "The Tarnished Stars" depicts the stars and stripes of the flag of the United States being partly obscured by the smoke from the muzzle of a gun called "Violence." The smoke is labeled "John F. Kennedy - Martin Luther King - Robert F. Kennedy."

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June 10. "In a world that seems to be turning, more and more, toward brutality and violence, riot and discord, Canadians have all the more reason to value their own tradition of moderation, and to cling to it ...Canada has plenty of scope for hate, and its own potential for violence. It may only be hoped that the heritage of moderation will be valued beyond any temptation to join the viciousness and hate, the law-scorning and law-breaking that have turned so much of the world into a downward path..."

Translation of Extracts from Editorials in
French-Language Press of Montreal

Le Devoir

June 6 (Claude Ryan). "...Assassinations like those of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King, a crime like that of Tuesday night, cannot be attributed solely to solitary madmen. The authors of these acts are also, in a certain sense, the expression of the society in which they live. They are perhaps, in short, the inevitable fruit of the climate of psychological violence which in recent years has been beclouding the political dialogue. And this climate is perhaps, in turn, the symptom of a society whose moral foundations are in the process of breaking up...The crime in Los Angeles marks another chapter of the upsetting history, worthy of the high Greek tragedies, of the Kennedy family...Robert Kennedy has already embodied, through his audacity, what is most powerful in the tradition of his country. He will embody in future, through the price which he has been called to pay... the never-ending effort to civilize that dynamic force which is at the heart of the American soul, to place it at the service of the values of freedom and peace. The tragedy of Los Angeles reminds men of all countries that violence threatens at all times to unleash itself on the world and that the most dangerous forms are those that attack not the body but the spirit of civilization. What honest man would dare, in this regard, to throw the first stone at his neighbor?"

June 7 (Paul Sauriol). "The death of Senator Robert Kennedy will apparently give rise in the United States to more energetic measures of protection against recourse to violence...the creation of a commission of inquiry charged with studying the phenomenon of violence... [and] a bill to restrict the sale of arms..."

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June 6 (Lucien Langlois). "...What motivated this young man [Sirhan] who seems to have premeditated his act, taken pleasure in it, and accomplished it with all logic - his logic?...This man is the very antithesis of a Robert Kennedy. Compassion is foreign to him. He has no respect for others. He is a barbarian with the appearance of a civilized person. In our day, civilized barbarians appear to be taking the upper hand."

June 7 (Lucien Langlois). "...The Kennedy family is great and admirable because of the example that it gives to the world. It accepts the test and does not rebel because it is more sorely tried than others. It will not retreat. It will offer itself again to its country. America is not decadent. It will never be so as long as there are Americans of the Kennedy character."

La Presse

June 6 (Renaude Lapointe). "...In that great republic, as elsewhere, it is a minority of extremists who scorn the rights of other men, who sow hatred and terror, who make the law of the revolver rule. It is much too early, however, to dance on the tomb of American democracy, as Eastern European countries are hastening to do. We believe rather, as a Geneva clergyman has hoped, that this third test will require of the whole of American society a new commitment with regard to civic justice and order. And that this commitment will be undertaken."

June 7 (Guy Cormier). "...The administration has announced a great inquiry on violence. But will anything be discovered that has not already been known?...Monotony also permeates the proposal of the Attorney General of the United States, Mr. Clark, who hastens to discount the hypothesis of a conspiracy before having made the inquiry which, moreover, he almost excuses himself for undertaking ... If it was demonstrated that Robert Kennedy had 'fallen for Israel' ... the average American could quickly become convinced that paying such an exorbitant price for such a far-off cause was madness... In the end, isolationism, always latent, would profit by these bloody disappointments. Any clear explanation of the drama - and there is none so far - would be better than the feeling of collective guilt that might penetrate the soul of every citizen of the United States...The elections will take place in November...Will Mr. Johnson decide to seek another term despite his proposal to the contrary last March? The disappearance of Robert Kennedy changes the scenario...It is too early to entertain the least

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certainty on that point. It is Senator McCarthy, on the other hand, who may, in the course of the coming weeks, appear as the new heir of the late Robert Kennedy. What is certain, however, is that television is going to play a still greater role in the course of this campaign, the street and the crowd having become too murderous."

June 8 (Roger Champoux). "...The entire world which today is looking at the casket of Robert Kennedy and is rising up against the bestial cruelty which has fathered such an abominable crime, in a few days will look to Washington. If the American legislature does not pass a law that will become a world standard, then there is no hope, and civilization will have to admit rebuff...Above all, let us [Canadians] not say 'It can't happen here!' This would mean they have a short memory. Violence and fanaticism have been the weapons of individuals in this very city. Neither you nor I nor anyone wishes to live through days and nights of the fury of the FLQ..."

Translation of Extracts from Editorials
in La Tribune, Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec

June 6 (Louis-C. O'Neil). "...As a marginal note, there are raised questions for the most important political personages in the United States to answer...'What sort of nation are we? We regard ourselves as a civilized people, but is that the case? Are these actions symptomatic of what we really are? Similar dramas are surprising when they take place elsewhere, but when they occur here, it is time to take action. Is this the result of a plot or the action of a solitary murderer?...'"

June 7 (Louis-C. O'Neil). "...This political murder, the second in the same family in less than five years, ought to make people reflect - on both sides of the border!"

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The President, Secretary and three members of the Caracas Municipal Council called on Ambassador Bernbaum June 11, to present their condolences for the death of Senator Robert Kennedy.								
After the usual introductions, the Secretary read a proclamation which included the following remarks:								
"Considering that the lamentable death (of Kennedy) produced an obvious crisis in the US political and cultural life, and that violence in the US and the world has been causing deaths of illustrious persons, social disorders, international hatred, and the persecution and destruction of people;								
(the Council) Agrees to								
Condemn emphatically, in the name of the people of Caracas, the assassination of this distinguished North American citizen;								
(and) Manifests that								
In the opinion of the Municipal Council the death of Kennedy is an expression of a state of violence supported by forces which aspire to halt and detain the development and exercise of freedom among all the world's people."								
The Ambassador thanked the Delegation for their expression of sympathy, but pointed out that the death of Kennedy, a cruel and meaningless act, could not in fairness be said to reflect US society. This terrible deed, condemned throughout the world, was apparently the work of one demented individual. When the Delegation reiterated some statements made in their declaration, the Ambassador repeated that it is neither just nor reasonable to condemn a whole people or to charge a whole society is sick because of a reprehensible act which could have occurred anywhere.								
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COMMENT:

The attitudes expressed by the distinguished members of the Municipal Council unfortunately reflect the visceral reactions of many Venezuelans, both friends and foes of the US. (See A-919, June 7, 1968.) Despite careful and frequent repetition of the Ambassador's remarks by many members of the Country Team, a great number of Venezuelans persist in linking the Kennedy assassination to an overall condemnation of the US.

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Enclosure: The proclamation is enclosed for presentation at the Department's discretion to the Kennedy family.

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XR Pol 6-2 US / Kennedy,
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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : Amembassy LIMA

DATE: June 14, 1968

SUBJECT: Reaction in Peru to Death of Senator Kennedy

REF :

SUMMARY

The grief and consternation in Peru at the death of Senator Kennedy, who was widely admired in this country and well-known from his successful 1965 visit here, was deep, widespread and heartfelt, almost identical in tone and scarcely smaller in degree to the reaction following the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963. The upwelling of emotion in Peru occasioned by Senator Kennedy's tragic death underscored not only Peru's feeling for the Senator and his family but also the fundamental warmth and community of interests underlying US-Peruvian relations.

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The November 10-13, 1965 visit to Peru by Senator Robert F. KENNEDY and Mrs. Kennedy was very successful. The crowds surrounding them both in Lima and in Cuzco during their visit were heavy and very friendly, and the Senator made a most favorable impression on Peruvians of all levels of society. Thus Senator Robert Kennedy was well-known and highly esteemed in Peru. News of his assassination therefore caused a wide and deep impression among Peruvians, many of whom regarded him not only as a rising U.S. political leader carrying on in the tradition of his late brother the President, but as a friend of Peru who shared many of the hopes and aspirations widely cherished by most Peruvians.

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On the morning of June 5 radio and television newscasts in Lima were overwhelmingly dominated by news of the shooting, and the afternoon papers front paged the story under huge red headlines. The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim issued a statement deploring "this horrible and senseless assassination attempt" and stating that, "as expressed previously by President JOHNSON, we can do no more at this time than pray for Senator Kennedy's recovery and for the recovery of the other victims of the shooting." This statement, together with President Johnson's, were widely carried by radio and television in Lima. President Fernando BELAUNDE Terry sent a personal message of regret to the Kennedy family, and the Peruvian Government's press spokesmen declared that the news of the shooting had "produced a mournful impact in the Presidential Palace." Declarations of horror and sadness were made by Peru's Primate, Juan Cardinal LANDAZURI Ricketts, and by spokesmen of the major political parties. Prime and Foreign Minister Oswaldo HERCELLES telephoned the Embassy to voice regret, as did the President of the Chamber of Deputies, the Chief of Protocol, and representative First Vice President Edgardo SEOANE and Finance Minister Manuel ULLOA, besides political leaders, other personalities and ordinary Peruvian citizens. During the Prime and Foreign Minister's meeting with the Diplomatic Corps later in the day he expressed to the Chargé his profound sorrow, personally and for his Government, over the attack on Senator Kennedy.

On June 6 the news of Senator Kennedy's death caused great sorrow and consternation, with opinions ranging from simple expressions of sympathy to suggestions of the existence in the United States of a criminal conspiracy to silence voices of progress. President Belaúnde sent a message of condolence to Mrs. Kennedy, and Cardinal Landazuri made a public statement pointing out that "crime and violence do not produce anything positive but rather negate human rights, the basis for all democracy and social progress." Press coverage continued to be very great. Several Lima newspapers, notably El Comercio, editorially called for an end to hatred and the "reestablishment of reason" in the United States, while Expreso blamed the assassination on "powerful mafias" as well as psychological factors produced by three wars.

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The Embassy opened a book of condolences in the Embassy lobby on June 6, and from the opening of business through the following three days many persons of all stations in life called at the Embassy to leave cards and to sign the book, which ultimately received 223 signatures. This book of condolences and the cards will be transmitted to the Department separately. The Embassy also received during the next three days about 50 letters and 25 telegrams from Peruvians regretting the Senator's death.

Two Cabinet Ministers, First Vice President Edgardo SEOANE, the father of President Belaúnde, Peruvian Senators and Deputies and Chiefs of Mission and other dignitaries called at the Embassy on June 6, several of them personally expressing to the Chargé their sorrow and sympathy. The Chargé prepared for the Embassy's staff bulletin a special statement on the Senator's death (text contained in Enclosure No. 1) which he later taped in Spanish for radio and television at the latter's request, and which was widely broadcast.

On June 7, the day after the Senator's death, the Lima press, radio and television continued to devote vast amounts of time and space to the assassination with the press editorializing about the deed and publishing wire service accounts covering all conceivable aspects of the crime. An editorial in Correo listed a number of world leaders who have been assassinated, pointing out that this type of crime was not confined to the United States. El Comercio expressed hope that the tragedies suffered by the Kennedy family were now ended. The President of the Chamber of Deputies, Armando VILLANUEVA del Campo, sent messages of condolence to Mrs. Kennedy, to Senator Kennedy's father Ambassador Kennedy, and to Vice President HUMPHREY. Both the Peruvian Senate and the Chamber of Deputies had adjourned June 6 in respect to the memory of the Senator.

Because of the profound effect caused in Peru by the Senator's death the Embassy took the initiative to organize a requiem mass in the church of Santa María Reina, where a mass had been celebrated in November 1963 in memory of President John F. KENNEDY. An American priest, the Rev. Fr. Robert HIELE, officiated, assisted

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by a Peruvian and a Spanish priest to symbolize, according to Fr. Hiele, the international citizenship of Robert Kennedy. The Papal Nuncio, Msgr. Rómulo CARBONI, was also a participant on the altar. The service, held at 10:00 a.m. on June 8, the hour fixed for the funeral services in New York, was conducted in Spanish, although Fr. Hiele's sermon was in English. His theme was peace, which he felt was Senator Kennedy's quest, and he chose green vestments for the concelebrants to serve as a symbol of hope. The Embassy sent special notification of the mass to the President, the Cabinet, the Legislature, the Judiciary and the Diplomatic Corps, and also invited the American community and Peruvians at large by public notification.

The church was entirely filled during the service, with an estimated 500 persons in attendance. President Belaúnde, who was prevented from attending due to his receiving the credentials of two new Chiefs of Mission, was represented by an Aide. Among the dignitaries present were First Vice President Seoane, the President of the Supreme Court, the Presidents of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, the Ministers of Finance, Labor, and Development, the leader of the Christian Democratic Party, a number of Senators, Deputies and former Ministers. Many Ministers who could not attend in person sent representatives, as did the Chiefs of the Armed Forces. The Diplomatic Corps was almost entirely represented by Ambassadors or Chargés. Officers of the various American community organizations were present as were a great number of Peruvians of all stations in life. One public school sent a color guard of about 15 boys, all in uniform. The occasion was in every way solemn and fitting, and the service and the representation it evoked testified not only to Peruvian feeling for Senator Kennedy and for his family, but also to the fundamental warmth and community of interest which underlies U.S. and Peruvian relations.

On the afternoon of June 8 the American Maryknoll priests offered a high requiem mass in the church of Santa Rosa de Lima which was crowded with Peruvians of the middle and lower-middle classes. The Embassy was represented at this mass, at which the Auxiliary Bishop of Lima officiated, by the Chargé.

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A copy of the program of this requiem mass is contained in Enclosure No. 2. On Sunday June 9, declared a day of National Mourning in the United States, the interdominational Union Church of Lima remembered Senator Kennedy in special prayers, while the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd held a memorial service. A copy of the program of this service is contained in Enclosure No. 3. The American Marianist priests at the chapel of the Santa María Reina church also offered special prayers for the Senator in the course of their regular Sunday service. Attendance at mass in Lima's churches on June 9 was unusually heavy, and prayers were offered in many of them for the repose of the soul of Senator Kennedy. Follow-on press coverage continued to be heavy for several days after June 9.

The outpouring of grief and shock was not limited to the Lima area. Provincial Peruvian radio and press organs gave very heavy coverage to the assassination, and many editorials reflecting Peru's emotions appeared in the provincial press. In Arequipa, Peru's second city, the U.S. Consul reports that the expressions of sorrow were truly impressive. On June 6 all three local newspapers devoted almost their entire front pages to the Kennedy tragedy. The Prefect of Arequipa, absent in Lima, sent a special telephone message to the U.S. Consul, who was called upon by the Sub-Prefect. The Mayor of Arequipa sent a cable message to President Johnson. The Archbishop of Arequipa, the Commanding General of the III Military Region and the Arequipa representative of the Ministry of Foreign Relations all called on the Consul and asked that their sympathies be conveyed to the Kennedy family. Political leaders telephoned the Consul or sent notes of condolence. The Consul arranged for an ecumenical prayer service to be held June 8 in the recently-restored 17th century Iglesia de la Compañia just off Arequipa's Plaza de Armas, in which an American Roman Catholic priest, an American Baptist missionary and the Consul participated. This was followed by a requiem mass celebrated by American priests from the various Roman Catholic orders active in Arequipa. On June 9 the U.S. Consul read a eulogy of Senator Kennedy at a luncheon of the Local American society.

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The Chargé has had a card printed to be sent to the persons offering their condolences and indicating their name and address in order to acknowledge and thank them. One of these cards is transmitted as Enclosure No. 4.

In summary, the reaction in Peru to the tragic death of Senator Kennedy was almost identical in tone, and only smaller in degree, to the reaction which followed the assassination of President Kennedy four and a half years previously.

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Enclosures:

- No. 1- U.S. Embassy News Bulletin.
- No. 2- Program of requiem mass at church of Santa Rosa de Lima.
- No. 3- Program of service at church of the Good Shepherd.
- No. 4- Card sent by Chargé acknowledging condolences.

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A NEWS BULLETIN BY AND FOR ALL U.S. AGENCIES IN PERU

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON

"This is a time of tragedy and loss. Senator Robert F. Kennedy is dead.

Robert Kennedy affirmed this country -- affirmed the essential decency of its people, their longing for peace, their desire to improve conditions of life for all.

During his life, he knew far more than his share of personal tragedy.

Yet he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women.

He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence -- and in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.

Our public life is diminished by his loss.

Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and his family.

I have issued a proclamation calling upon our nation to observe a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy".

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S PROCLAMATION

"To the people of the United States:

A noble and compassionate leader, a good and faithful servant of the people, in the full vigor of his promise, lies dead from an assassin's bullet.

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity.

Now, therefore, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, do call upon all Americans to observe Sunday next, the ninth day of June, as a day of national mourning in his memory throughout the United States. In our churches, in our homes, and in our hearts let us resolve before God and before each other that the purpose of progress and justice for which Robert F. Kennedy lived shall endure.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S PROCLAMATION (Cont'd)

I direct that until interment the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions.

I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States Embassies, Legations, Consular Offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.

Lyndon B. Johnson

STATEMENT BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, AD INTERIM

"For all members of the American Diplomatic Mission:

Once again a great American family has been stricken by tragedy. An assassin's bullet has now ended the life of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who might have been our President, just as the life was ended of his brother, John F. Kennedy, who was our President. We can only contemplate this terrible event with grief in our hearts; grief for this fine and vital young man now departed; grief for his widow and his children, and his child yet unborn; and grief for our nation and for the entire world which has surely been diminished by this loss.

In his ever active life, Robert Kennedy came to be known to millions of Americans and to others throughout the world. Those of us who remember his visit to Lima two and a half years ago will not forget the vibrancy of his personality, or the genuine affection with which he was greeted by Peruvians, high and low, many of whom simply called him "Bob". Nor will we forget the ever present and gracious figure of his beloved wife, Ethel Kennedy.

Senator Kennedy will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday. President Johnson has proclaimed, Sunday, June 9, a day of national mourning in his memory. Undoubtedly there will be special services, which many will wish to attend, and these will be announced.

In the meantime, and as we all mourn this tragedy in our own personal ways, we must wonder, as does the world, why our national political life has been so visited with violence; violence which is as surely unthinkable to almost all of our 200 million citizens as it is stark and terrible in the reality of its execution by that small handful which is committed to violence.

President John F. Kennedy, the Rev. Martin Luther King and now Senator Robert F. Kennedy, all men of goodwill, all cruelly assassinated. I pray, as

STATEMENT BY THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES, AD INTERIM (Cont'd)

I am sure we all must, that these deaths will not have been in vain. I am confident that our nation will find answers to the terrible questions which beset it and that the causes which lead men to violence, in the measure that they may, will be removed. "

Ernest V. Siracusa
Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim

(Traducción)

DECLARACIONES DEL ENCARGADO DE NEGOCIOS AD INTERIM PARA TODOS LOS MIEMBROS DE
LA MISION DIPLOMATICA NORTEAMERICANA

Una vez más una gran familia norteamericana ha sido agobiada por la tragedia. La bala de un asesino ha puesto ahora fin a la vida del Senador Robert F. Kennedy que pudo haber sido nuestro Presidente, tal como otra lo hizo con la vida de su hermano, John F. Kennedy, quien era nuestra Presidente.

Podemos solamente contemplar este terrible evento con pena en nuestros corazones; pena para este excelente hombre joven lleno de vitalidad que ha fallecido; pena por su viuda y sus hijos y el hijo que aún está por nacer; y pena por nuestra patria y por el mundo entero que ha sufrido una pérdida con esta sensible desaparición.

Durante su vida siempre activa, millones de norteamericanos y de otras nacionalidades de todo el mundo llegaron a conocer a Robert Kennedy. Aquellos de nosotros que recordamos su visita a Lima hace dos años y medio, no olvidamos lo vibrante de su personalidad, o el sincero afecto con el cual fue recibido por los peruanos de toda condición social, muchos de quienes lo llamaban simplemente "Bob". Ni tampoco olvidaremos la siempre presente y graciosa figura de su amada esposa, Ethel Kennedy.

El Senador Kennedy será sepultado en el Cementerio Nacional de Arlington el próximo sábado. El Presidente Johnson ha proclamado en su memoria el día domingo 9 de junio como uno de duelo nacional. Sin duda habrán servicios especiales a los que muchos gustarían asistir y éstos serán anunciados oportunamente.

Mientras tanto, y al condolernos de esta tragedia en nuestra propia manera, deberemos asombrarnos, como lo hace todo el mundo, el por qué nuestra vida política nacional ha sido visitada así por la violencia; una violencia que es, de toda seguridad, increíble para casi todos nuestros 200 millones de ciudadanos, como lo es completa y terrible en la realidad de su ejecución para un pequeño puñado que está entregado a la violencia.

Presidente John F. Kennedy, Reverendo Martin Luther King y ahora, Senador Robert F. Kennedy, todos hombres de buena voluntad y todos cruelmente asesinados. Ruego - y estoy seguro que todos lo harán - que estas muertes no hayan sido en vano. Tengo la seguridad de que nuestro país encontrará las respuestas a las terribles interrogantes que lo acosan y que las causas que conducen a los hombres a la violencia, serán eliminadas en la medida en que ello sea posible.

Ernest V. Siracusa
Encargado de Negocios, ad interim

SENIOR STAFF MEETING

There will not be a Senior Staff Meeting on Monday, June 10th, but there will be one on June 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the USAID Conference Room.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

A fin de facilitar la inscripción de los empleados locales en el Seguro Médico y aclarar preguntas sobre este plan, el Sr. Frank Rudolph, representante de la Compañía de Seguros y Reaseguros "El Páccífico", estará a su disposición durante tres horas, de 10:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., en la Oficina de Personal de la Embajada, el día viernes, 7 de junio. Esta es su oportunidad de inscribirse, le rogamos no esperar el último momento.

AMATEUR RADIO TO BE JUNIOR CHAMBER TOPIC

One of Peru's leading experts on amateur radio will speak at the next meeting of the Lima International Junior Chamber of Commerce. The topic "Ham Radio in Peru" will be presented by Dr. Luis Calderón Valle, Vice President of the Radio Club of Peru, at the regular Jaycee meeting at the Hotel Country Club, Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. All young men under the age of forty (40) are invited to attend this dinner meeting which will cost \$/140.

WITTENBURG UNIVERSITY CHOIR TO PERFORM IN LIMA

The 65 voice choir from Wittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio, will present a concert in the theater of the Colegio Santa Ursula, Salamanca 125, San Isidro, on June 20 at 8:00 p.m. The concert in Lima is part of a tour through Latin America which will include Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela. The choir has made previous concert tours of Europe and the Far East. The program will include both popular and serious music. The price of admission is \$/25. Tickets are available from Tom Roesch, Room 109, extension 151, and Rudolph Jonke, AID, extension 160, or, at the door.

EL CORO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE WITTENBERG ACTUARA EN LIMA

El coro de 65 voces de la Universidad de Wittenberg de Springfield, Ohio, dará un concierto en el teatro del Colegio Santa Ursula, Salamanca 125, San Isidro, el 20 de junio a las 8 pm. Este concierto es parte de una gira por América del Sur. El coro se ha presentado anteriormente en Europa y Asia. El programa incluirá música clásica y música popular. El precio de la entrada es de \$/25. Los boletos se pueden obtener de Tom Roesch, Of. 109, anexo 151 y de Rudolph Jonke, AID, anexo 160, o a la entrada del teatro.

MISSION BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standings (2nd Round)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
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2	12	Trampositis	Ross	17	11
3	8	Los Matadores	McCardell	16	12
4	9	Los Locos	Gonzalez	15	13
5	11	Los Naufragos	Alarcon	15	13
6	3	The Shufflers	C.Ellis	14½	13½
7	6	Los Fantasma	Quiroga	14	14
8	1	Fighting Five	Martin	14	14
9	7	Los Resbalosos	Ibarra	14	14
10	10	Los Relampagos	Ortega	12	16
11	4	The Pendowners	Joyce	11½	16½
12	5	Los Invasores	Callejas	7	21

HIGHLIGHTS

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MEN

High Games

A. Gonzales 234
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R. Lege 513
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THEATERS

COUNTRY - Hipólito Unanue
"Al Borde del Terror"
(Alfred Hitchcock)
18 & over.

EL PACIFICO - Av. Pardo 121
"In Cold Blood"
(A Sangre Fría)
18 & over.

COLMENA - N. de Piérola 519
AMBASSADOR - Pumacahua 2550 Lince
"The Anniversary"
(El Aniversario)
Bette Davis
21 & over.

ARRIVAL

We are happy to welcome Mr. Frank W. DeLano, Economic Officer, who arrived May 30th for a tour of duty in Lima, in replacement of Mr. Frederick Cavaliere. Best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Peru!

DEPARTURES

Our farewell this week goes to three members of our Embassy: Miss Cecilia Muñoz, who has been transferred to Rome, Italy, and will be departing post on Friday June 7th; Mr. Frederick Cavaliere, transferred to the Department and departing post on June 7th; and Mr. Wesley Parsons, who will also be departing on June 7th for an assignment in the Department of State.

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Ernest Gutierrez:
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LUXURY APARTMENT FOR RENT

With telephone, garage, living/dining room, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, electrical appliances. Fully furnished with European furnishings. For rent to couple with no children nor pets. For information call Sr. Hugo Ferrer to at 44844 from 8 to 10 and from 2 to 3 pm.

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Rent: \$8,500.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Semi-furnished. Three bedrooms, study. Near the San Isidro Municipality and by the pond in the Olive Grove. Call 28308.

Rent: \$200.

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One story three bedroom house, with two baths, back garden and covered terrace with closed garage. For information call Dr. Belmont at 27208.

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HOUSE FOR RENT

One story house, 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room, 2 bathrooms, servants' quarters, garage, inside and outside garden. Located a block from Bosque de San Isidro. For information call Jorge Gallegos at 24648.

Rent: \$250 or its equivalent.

Address: Av. La República 855,
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FOR RENT

4 bedroom house with ample carport, 2½ baths, excellent garden area, balcony and other comforts. Contact owner at Murillo 216, Urb. San Borja.
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HOUSE FOR RENT

4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, telephone, 2 car garage. To rent unfurnished starting in July. Located in Santa Cruz, Miraflores. Call 83965 or 25569.

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Available one year, completely furnished, three bedrooms, garage, maid, TV, and all appliances.

Rent: \$10,000

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In Dollars or Sol equivalent. Early American Maple dining room table, 6 chairs and hutch; early American secretary; end table; bedroom double bed, chest of drawers and vanity; boy's oak bedroom set, single bed, chest of drawers with mirror, desk and chair; baby stroller; solid maple chest of drawers; nylon rug 9' x 12'. For information call Major Harry Niggle, 40110 ext. 100 or can be seen afternoons or evenings at Juan Biellovucic 1498, Lince.

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(In dollars or sol equivalent).
B.B. pellet & dart revolver with trap target, \$18; CO B.B. Pistol with CO powerlets and B.B.s, \$25; Bronze fireplace set, \$25; Sears Silvertone clock-radio with transformer, \$30; large toast-master electric frying pan, \$25; Regina floor polisher, \$25; and living room & bedroom mirrors and furniture.
Call Mr. York, 86000 ext. 213 or at home 51553.

FOR SALE

Zenith Transoceanic short wave radio, battery operated, \$150; set of golf clubs, 4 woods, 8 irons, 1 putter with bag, \$40; RCA clock radio with automatic alarm, \$22; Sony tape recorder, \$160; General Electric vacuum cleaner, \$30; miscellaneous stereo records, \$1 each; Airiquipt magazines for slide projector, \$1.75 each.

Will take Sol equivalent of above Dollar prices.

Contact Ray L. Garison at 27976 or see at Prolongación Arenales 423, San Isidro.

FOR SALE

Violin, youth size (3/4) with case, shoulder rest, and music stand, \$75; set of 22 Tom Swift science fiction books for boys, \$30 each; barbecue grill and smoker, heavy cast aluminum, used only twice, with accessories, \$60.

Phone 23467 or 86000 x 157.

FOR SALE

Singer sewing machine, in blond cabinet, model 328, zig-zag stitching and fashion discs, 110v, \$200; circular outdoors clothes line, \$10; craftsman tool box & tools, \$55; card table, \$8; Westinghouse electric roaster, 110v; electric bathroom heater, 110v, \$7.50. Contact R. Fields, 71915 during day, or see at Roca y Boloña 678, Miraflores.

FOR SALE

3 female Cocker Spaniel puppies, tan, \$1,000 each. Revere mono-ral tape recorder, \$120 or Sol equivalent. Telefunken Hi-Fi console, AM/FM, shortwave, \$225 or Sol equivalent. Television, 19", portable, \$120 or Sol equivalent.

Items may be seen at 354 Av. del Sur, Chacarilla del Estanque.

FOR SALE

1965 Chevy, Biscayne, 4 door; Saber Saw; 6½" power saw; ½" power drill; aluminum lawn furniture; sofa; large desk; stereo tape recorder; 35mm slide projector; combination super 8, regular eight movie projector; Kenmore washer and dryer. Can be seen afternoons or evenings, Av. del Bosque 128, San Isidro, or call LtCol Brooks 39090 ext. 97 during day.

FOR SALE

KLH Stereo #24 with speakers 110v movie camera - Mansfield; maid's bed and mattress; child's sports car (good condition); child's tricycle (good condition); car seat.

Call G. Flood at 86200 x 129, or see at Santo Toribio 483, San Isidro, tel. 29620.

FOR SALE

Frigidaire refrigerator 10 cu. ft., good condition, \$10,000. Call 22578 or see at Av. El Rosario 260, San Isidro.

FOR SALE

Amateur radio equipment; SB-34 Ratheon sideband engineers transceiver with crystals for cw portions of 15, 20 and 40 meter bands installed; SB-2 microphone; SB-2Y crystal calibrator; SB2-CW codapter; SB-2LA Linear amplifier Ratheon sideband engineers, 1,000 watts PEP; standing wave radio meter; Volt-Ohm meter; 5,000 watt G.E. transformer, sufficient capacity for entire house; G.E. automatic iron; electric heating pad; metal buffet trays; fireplace screen and andirons. Call 23539.

FOR SALE

General Electric solid state portable record player; Kenmore electric dryer, very reasonable. Can be seen anytime Saturday or Sunday (June 8 & 9) at 232-234 Manuel Augusto Olaechea, El Rosedal, Miraflores.

FOR SALE

1 Oster blender, 110v, \$20 or equivalent; Fox stole, two years old, in perfect condition, best offer; ice crusher, crushes in two sizes, \$10 or equivalent. Call Donna Gallahue at 86000, ext. 160.

FOR SALE

1966 Chrysler station wagon, 8 passenger, air conditioned, power steering, power brakes, automatic transmission, luggage rack, white and powder blue, duty free, available June 10th. See at Lord Nelson 295, Miraflores, or call 22231, 29914.

FOR SALE TO PERSON WITH IMPORT PRIVILEGES

1965 Rambler, 4-door, automatic, new tires, excellent condition. For further information call MSgt. Hollander x 108.

FOR SALE

A large open front cabinet with partitions, suitable for magazines or an excellent form storage for office. Also a large mahogany desk (antique) for home or office with book shelves on one side, must see to appreciate. 155 Camino Real, Pension Astoria or call Mary at 24406 or 24794.

WANTED

Baby car seat. Contact Mrs. Rene de Gonzalez, PC extension 185/183.

FOR SALE

1 radio transistor Zenith trans-oceanic, AM/FM #3000; 1 portable tape recorder, 5" reels, 2 track, battery or outlet plus tapes; 1 Aladdin kerosene heater; 1 Frigidaire refrigerator; 1 220/110 transformer; clothes; kitchen utensils including Presto pressure cooker and electric pot; complete set with bag Louise Suggs McGregor tourney mtl woman's golf clubs; set of man's Spalding golf clubs, 3 woods and 8 irons and bag; Wilson Staff irons 2-9, non-slip professional grips, all excellent condition.
Please call ext. 184 and leave message and name for Scott Warner.

FOR SALE

1 new lady Pepperell "Nap Fantastic" thermal blanket, 100% acrylic, blue, 72 x 90 for twin or double bed, \$10 or its equivalent.
4 packs Kodachrome II color movie film for double 8MM roll cameras, 25 feet each, \$2 each or its equivalent.
Call ext. 227.

FOR SALE

Must sell now!
freezer; set of white dishes; child's car seat.
Auto 1964 Chevrolet Chevy II.
Call Lininger at 27199 or see at Valle Riestra 855.

FOR SALE

Electrix mixer (hand model)
Hamilton beach mixette, 100 watts, needs transformer, \$/600.
Electric iron (steam & dry, different fabric settings)
Sears Kenmore, 1000 watts, needs transformer, \$/650. Electric fry-pan, Sunbeam vista, thermostat controlled, completely immersible, 1150 watts, needs transformer, \$/550.
Electric floor polisher (2 rotator model) Hoover with polish applicator and all pads, 200 watts, needs transformer, \$/1,500.
Set of everyday dishes (12 place setting) and dinner plates, dessert plates, soup bowls, 1 large heat plate, 1 vegetable plate, salt & pepper shakers, butter dish, sugar bowl, sauce boat with ladle; white with border of blues & greens, \$/3,000.
Set of everyday drinking glasses (five sizes, eight glasses each size) 3 missing, \$/350.
1 insulated picnic box, \$/175.
2 utility bookcases (3 shelves each), \$/350 each.
1 kitchen stool (all wood), \$/100.
1 canary & cage, \$/500.
Miscellaneous paperbacks, mainly fiction \$/3, \$/5, \$/10 each.

For further information phone Bob Van Slooten, ext. 297 or view goods at Calle Erie 155 (off Calle Michigan), Rinconada del Lago, La Molina.



Recuerdo

de la Misa de requiem celebrada

por

ROBERT F. KENNEDY



Parroquia de Sta. Rosa de Lima
(Padres de Maryknoll)
Lince

8 de Junio de 1968

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EL ARZOBISPADO Y CARITAS DE LIMA

OFRECEN UNA:

"MISA DE REQUIEM"

CELEBRADA POR EL ALMA DEL

SEÑOR:

ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

8 de Junio de 1968

PARROQUIA SANTA ROSA - PADRES DE MARYKNOLL - LINCE

MISA DE REQUIEM

INTROITO:

Dales, Señor el descanso eterno y alumbre tu luz por siempre sobre ellos. A ti, oh Dios, se debe la alabanza en Sión, en tu honor se cumplen los votos en Jerusalén; escucha mi oración, tú a quien se dirige todo ser de carne. Dales, Señor.

ORACION:

Oh Dios, de quien es propio compadecerse siempre y perdonar; humildemente te rogamos por el alma de tu siervo Robert Kennedy, que has hecho salir de este mundo; no la dejes caer en las manos del enemigo para olvidarla por siempre, antes ordena a tus ángeles la reciban y la introduzcan en su patria, el paraíso, de suerte que, habiendo puesto en ti su esperanza y su fé, no tenga que sufrir los castigos del infierno, sino que entre en posesión de la alegría eterna. Por Nuestro Señor...

OFERTORIO:

Oh Señor, Jesucristo, Rey de Gloria, libra las almas de todos los fieles difuntos del castigo del infierno y del profundo abismo; líbralas de las fauces del león. No las suma el abismo, ni caigan en la noche, sino que San Miguel, el abanderado, las introduzca en la santa luz, que en otro tiempo has prometido a Abraham y a su descendencia. Te ofrecemos, Señor, este sacrificio y estas preces de alabanza. Recíbelas en sufragio de las almas cuya memoria hoy celebramos. Haz, Señor, que pasen de la muerte a la vida, que en otro tiempo has prometido a Abraham y a su descendencia.

COMUNION:

Brille, Señor, la luz eterna sobre ellos, Con tus santos en la eternidad, porque eres bueno. Dales, Señor, el descanso eterno y alumbre tu luz por siempre sobre ellos. Con tus santos en la eternidad, porque eres bueno.

EXEQUIAS

P: Señor, ten piedad
T: Cristo, ten piedad, Señor, ten piedad
Padre Nuestro...

P: Libra, Señor, su alma
T: De las penas del infierno
P: Descanse en paz
T: Amen

P: Señor, escucha nuestra oración
T: Y llegue a Tí nuestro clamor
P: El Señor esté con vosotros
T: Y con tu espíritu

OREMUS:

Absuelva, Señor, de todo vínculo de pecado el alma de tu siervo Robert a fin de que, en la resurrección gloriosa, sea contado entre tus santos y elegidos. Por Cristo Por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amen.

No seas severo, Señor, en tu juicio con tu siervo Robert, puesto que nadie puede ser declarado justo en tu presencia, si Tú mismo no le perdonas todos sus pecados.

Te pedimos, pues, que no afligas con una sentencia rigurosa a quien te recomiendan las sinceras súplicas de la fe cristiana; antes bien, con la ayuda de tu gracia, pueda escapar del castigo éste que en vida es tuvo marcado con el sello de la Santa Trinidad.

Tú, que vives y reinas por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.

ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY
(1925-1968)

El Sr. Robert Francis Kennedy nació en Massachusetts el 20 de Noviembre de 1925, hijo del financiero millonario y diplomático Joseph P. Kennedy y su esposa Rose, miembro de una ilustre familia católica de origen irlandés. En 1951, se graduó de abogado en la Escuela de Derecho de Virginia y después de colegiarse en Massachusetts, fué a Washington, donde ingresó en el Departamento de Justicia como abogado especializado en casos de corrupción y violación del pago de impuestos.

Durante el Gobierno de su hermano John F. Kennedy, "Bobby" desempeñaba el cargo de Procurador General (Ministro de Justicia) y participaba en el Consejo de Seguridad, probando sus grandes cualidades como abogado, investigador y hábil interrogador y polemista. En el año 1964 fué elegido Senador por el estado de Nueva York.

El 6 de Junio de 1968, Robert Francis Kennedy murió asesinado a la edad de 42 años. Hace poco, comentando sobre el asesinato del líder negro, Dr. Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy afirmó solemnemente y de manera profética:

"El país sufre cada vez que la vida de un hombre es suprimida sin necesidad por otro hombre, sea en nombre de la ley o sea contra la ley, por un hombre solo o por un grupo, a sangre fría o en el fuego de pasión, en la violencia o en respuesta de la violencia. Todos sufrimos cada vez que destruimos el hilo de vida que otro hombre había trenzado con pena y sacrificio, para él mismo y para sus hijos."

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THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

LIMA, PERU

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT KENNEDY

United States Senator

died 6th June 1968

R.I.P.

TRINITY SUNDAY

9th JUNE 1968

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 370 - verses 1, 2 & 4 only

Tune: Old 100th

"Before Jehovah's awful throne"

Exhortation: On this day, set apart by the President of the United States of America to be a Day of National Mourning for the American people, let us remember before God ROBERT KENNEDY, U.S. Senator for the State of New York, and internationally respected public servant.

A Tribute of Silence

Prayer of Commendation:

O Almighty God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, we commend the soul of thy servant, Robert Kennedy, our brother, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful creator and most merciful saviour, humbly beseeching Thee that it may be precious in Thy sight.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord:

(Response) And let light perpetual shine upon him.

Amen.

Minister: Give rest, O Lord, to thy servant with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Lord, have mercy upon him:

(Response) Christ, have mercy upon him;

Lord, have mercy upon him.

Litany of the Faithful

Minister: O GOD, eternal, immortal, invisible, before Whom are the souls of the living and of the dead,

For all who have served their generation with zeal and courage: WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have laboured for freedom, good government, just laws, and respect to human life and homes regardless of colour, creed or class:

WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have sought the public good, working to improve the lives of common men: WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have desired social justice and better understanding between their fellows: WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have been undismayed by the evils of the times, the tragedies of life, and the hostility of others:
WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all who have resisted falsehood and wrong; for all who have scorned the way of safety; for all who have been filled with high ideals, and have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision: WE THANK THEE, O GOD.

And we humbly pray Thee to help us to live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting, in the assurance that our labour is not in vain in the Lord.
AMEN.

A LESSON from the Book of Job, chapter 29 et al.

HYMN 468 - "O Lord, to whom the spirits live
Of all the faithful passed away"

Tune: 202

FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN, chapter 5, verses 24 through 29

HYMN 140 - "Jesus lives, thy terrors now
Can no more, O death, appal us."

AN ADDRESS by the Revd. Canon Ronald W. Pickard, A.L.C.D.

PRAYERS for an end to violence, for those who mourn, & for peace.

HYMN 583 - "Almighty Father, who dost give
The gift of life to all who live"

Tune: 84
"Cannons"

(An Offering will be received)

The Benediction

Organ Recessional

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

Please read, as they will not be announced during the service.

THERE WILL BE NO HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT 8 a.m. NEXT SUNDAY. The Chaplain will be officiating at 10 a.m.

THE MORNING PRAYER AT 10 a.m. will be conducted by B. Harvey Weeks, Lay Reader.

TOMORROW MONDAY: 4 p.m. A Tea in the Hall, for all ladies who help with the care of the SANCTUARY, or who would like to do so. Please accept this invitation.

ASO TOMORROW at 6.30 p.m.: CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS.

THE LADIES' GUILD meets Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. onwards.

The next project is a BOOK SALE. PLEASE BRING US YOUR BOOKS NO LONGER NEEDED. We can turn them into cash to support our Church & its activities.

"ORSHIP WITH MOTHER" - the pre-Kindergarten class for tiny children - will be held on WEDNESDAY ONLY in this coming week.

4-D-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION:

Tuesday, St. Barnabas, Apostle: 5.15 p.m.
(after the Guild meeting)

Wednesday evening 6 p.m.

Thursday: CORPUS CHRISTI DAY, 9 a.m. in the morning.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Tuesday 7.15 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday evening 7.30 p.m.

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El Encargado de Negocios ad interim de los Estados Unidos de América desea expresar a Uld. su sincera gratitud por la condolencia que se ha dignado Uld. presentar en ocasión de la trágica desaparición del que fué Senador Robert F. Kennedy.

Enest V. Juncos aprovecha la oportunidad para reiterar a Uld. el testimonio de su consideración y estima.

Lima, 14 de junio de 1968.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH

*Research
Memorandum*

RSB-92, June 13, 1968

To : The Secretary
Through: S/S
From : INR - Thomas L. Hughes *Thomas L. Hughes*
Subject: Moscow's Reaction to the Robert Kennedy Assassination

ABSTRACT

The Soviets have reacted to the killing of Senator Robert Kennedy with an outpouring of anti-US propaganda. The propaganda has tried to show that American society is no model for the world and deserves no influence abroad; that the US is rotten and is declining; and that the US is ruled by bloodthirsty reactionaries who oppose everything new and progressive. The Arab origin of Sirhan is awkward for Soviet commentators, and Mayor Yorty's comments about Sirhan's alleged pro-communist sympathies seem to make Moscow uneasy. As for the Soviet leadership, we suspect that the leaders are concerned over the shooting as a possible warning sign that violence -- the recent student actions in Poland and Yugoslavia, for example, having already given Moscow pause -- may be on the upswing in the world at large. To a lesser extent, Moscow presumably would also be troubled by the assassination as widening the margin of unpredictability in the US Presidential election picture, thus probably creating uneasy feelings for the Soviet regime.

An unclassified appendix containing excerpts from Soviet commentary is attached.

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A Plot by Reactionary Circles

Soviet media within hours of the shooting began hammering away at the idea that it was the result of a plot. They have been careful not to identify the supposed plotters with any precision, generally referring simply to "reactionary circles." Some commentaries have lumped several groups together under this rubric -- Southern segregationists, rabid anti-communists, arms manufacturers, and big financiers. The plotters frequently are described as being bitterly opposed to Negro civil rights, "progressive movements," ending or even limiting the Vietnam war, and aid to the poor.

Tied to the plot against RFK invariably are the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, and occasionally the killing of civil rights leader Evers and the trial of Dr. Benjamin Spock are mentioned. Sometimes the plotters are said to enjoy the support of "the reactionary ruling circles of Washington," giving the impression that the plot group stands beyond, or perhaps above, the Federal Government. Dissenters from the views cherished by the plotting ultra-rightists are punished -- through paid assassins if necessary -- because they stand in the way, and that the rightists along with the public "shed crocodile tears." John Kennedy in this connection is called the victim of the "military-financial monopolies and especially a clique of Texas millionaires."

Connivance by US Authorities

A few propaganda blasts have gone far in the direction of implying official connivance. One early broadcast said that "irresponsible" official connivance made the shooting of RFK "possible." The thrust of this remark was that local authorities had not provided proper police protection. Elsewhere, Soviet propaganda has charged that the police in Los Angeles, just as in Dallas and Memphis, were "powerless," implying through this cynical note that local authorities let the three leaders be killed intentionally. Connivance on the part of the Federal authorities was suggested in the comment mentioned above that the ruling circles in Washington support the extreme rightist forces which carry out these political crimes. This idea was refined two days later by a commentary which explicitly stated that connivance on the part of local and also central officials, and even their sympathy, helps rightist organizations to operate and thus constitutes a factor contributing toward political crimes carried out by such rightist organizations.

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A picture of Federal involvement in the JFK and RFK assassinations has also been painted by describing the US as a police state under the control of the FBI and CIA, by recalling allegations at the time of President Kennedy's assassination that these agencies somehow played a role, and by asserting that the Robert Kennedy shooting reintroduces the same set of questions. It has also been suggested that RFK had to be eliminated because he knew, as former Attorney General, the real story behind the killing of his brother and was going to release this information upon being elected President, when the guilty ones would no longer have protection.

Sirhan's Arab Origin

Twenty-four hours passed before Pravda broke the ice for Soviet media on Sirhan's Arab origin. This news item was buried on a back page, separated from the paper's commentary on the RFK shooting. Later that day Izvestiya dealt more boldly with the Arab-origin factor, declaring that any US media which stressed that Sirhan was of Arab origin were only trying "to shield the true culprit, the American way of life."

The next day, June 7, Soviet media acknowledged that Sirhan was detained at the scene of the crime and that he was of Arab origin, but added, variously, that the Attorney General had ordered an investigation to see if there was not a conspiracy, and that Sirhan was a naturalized US citizen. Pravda June 8 said that Sirhan, a Jordanian immigrant, was at first described in all official announcements of the police and other investigative bodies as a fanatical nationalist who had been operating on his own, and that Attorney General Clark had stated officially several times that there was no evidence of the existence of a conspiracy. However, eye-witness accounts had now been released indicating Sirhan may have had at least one and probably several accomplices. When these stories did not pan out, Pravda June 9 turned to the lame contention that US media were talking about Sirhan's Arab origin for the purpose of sharpening the already tense Arab-Israeli situation.

Anti-Communist "Hysteria" in the US

While not going so far as to suggest that US reactionaries had RFK assassinated for the purpose of whipping up anti-communist hysteria in the US, Soviet media have been asserting that American ultra-rightists have exploited the tragedy for this purpose. In the process, the Soviets have attacked the FBI for allegedly persecuting "progressive" groups and individuals instead of combatting the mounting US crime rate, and have added ominously that political crimes in the US like the RFK killing go unpunished. In the course of describing the US as a society devoid of ideals, as shown by the Robert Kennedy murder, one commentator stated that US reactionaries sought to fill the void with "anti-communism and anti-Sovietism." Another commentary renewed the charge that J. Edgar Hoover invented the "slander" that a communist conspiracy lay behind Dr. King's murder, when in fact Hoover had instigated the assassination. The use of the RFK assassination as a pretext to whip up anti-communist hysteria has been described as a cover for a campaign against the anti-Vietnam, civil rights, and poverty movements. And the Soviets have denounced Mayor Yorty's references to Sirhan's alleged DuBois Club connection and pro-communist sympathies as an "absurd invention."

RFK's Stand Concerning Vietnam

Soviet propaganda has repeatedly asserted that Robert Kennedy recently had come around to a "somewhat realistic" view on the subject of Vietnam and was hated for it by the reactionaries, this having contributed significantly to the decision to have him assassinated. As part of this line, it is pointed out that RFK was under no threat to his life when he worked for Senator Joseph McCarthy or served as Attorney General, but only after he changed his Vietnam position. Soviet media add that the change in question was hardly a radical one, since the Senator, although he favored an unconditional halt in US bombing of North Vietnam, had not come out in favor of unconditional US withdrawal. Pravda has generalized that both JFK and RFK were eliminated at that point when they dared disagree with "the reckless foreign course of imperialist reaction."

US Claim to World Leadership

In villifying US society and institutions in connection with the Robert Kennedy assassination, Soviet propaganda has frequently added the comment that this is the same country which poses as a world leader, or tries to act as a moral mentor and democratic example to the world. Izvestiya, for example, exclaimed righteously that this society, "which uses terror in its election struggle," dares "proclaim that the 20th century is the century of Americanism!" Another commentator stated that the US "has no inspiring national aims, no ideals which can capture the minds and hearts of people."

A blatant Soviet effort to exploit the RFK tragedy to show that the US allegedly has lost all moral authority in the world has been a feature as much of domestic as of international Soviet propaganda since the assassination. As such, it may offer insight into the kind of obstacles which Soviet propagandists feel they face in improving the image of the USSR both at home and abroad.

Possible Thoughts on Moscow's Mind

The gross nature of Soviet propaganda about the Robert Kennedy assassination should not obscure the likelihood that the Soviet leadership is disturbed by this development. If Moscow's cautious commentary so far this year on US Presidential election developments is any indication, the Soviets saw in RFK's candidacy the least among evils and were hoping he might win. (At the same time, it is likely that Moscow was not counting on a shift in US Vietnam policy to a direction desired by Moscow, regardless of who won the election.) The Soviet leaders probably view the assassination with some apprehension because they see it as feeding a trend toward violence in the world which could directly affect the USSR.

Thus, the Polish student riots in March with their bloody turn, and the Yugoslav unrest this month which spread to all centers of higher learning, have undoubtedly given the Soviets pause, as they revealed that the communist world is by no means immune from violent, revolutionary spontaneity. Czechoslovak developments have also been a case in point; although they have not involved violence, student pressures contributed substantially to the bringing down of a regime. Even if these events in communist countries had not taken place, Moscow might be alarmed by the violent revolutionary actions of youth recently in West Germany

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and France, since the communists had a disconcertingly hard time understanding and adjusting their line to these movements. The restiveness of youth in both Western and Eastern Europe has been marked by a clear disdain for "establishments," and the Soviet authorities' fear of contagion can only mount with each new outbreak.

Soviet leaders are undoubtedly also disturbed by the fact that the removal of Robert Kennedy from the US Presidential contest increases for them the unknown factors in trying to project possible future trends in US policy. Although Soviet leaders may have welcomed the propaganda windfall for purposes of maligning US society, they must also be sensitive to any events that could increase unpredictability in US policy, which heightens the feeling of insecurity of the Soviet regime.

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SELECTED SOVIET COMMENTS ON THE ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1200 GMT 5 Jun 68 L

[Text] Another political crime has been committed in the United States, the country which boasts about its democracy, its system--the system of free enterprise. The assassination attempt in Los Angeles was possible because of the irresponsible connivance on the part of the authorities and the notorious freedom of a capitalist society, the freedom to kill.

It is noteworthy that the extreme rightwing forces in the United States enjoy the support of the reactionary ruling circles in Washington and exert a growing influence on the political life of the country. They oppose the granting of equal civil rights to the Negro population. They are in favor of a militarization of the country and of the arms race to please monopolistic capital. The hawks demand a extension of the war in Vietnam, threatening those who dissent from them with punishments and at times use the services of paid assassins. This happened in November 1963, when President Kennedy was killed in Dallas. This happened on 4 April this year when Martin Luther King was killed in Memphis. This is happening today in Boston, at the shameful trial of five representatives of the U.S. intelligentsia led by Benjamin Spock, who openly opposes the aggression in Indochina.

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1330 GMT 5 Jun 68 L

[Igor Orlov commentary]

What strikes the eye is that the huge and lavishly financed machinery of the FBI is directed not so much at combating crime and political and criminal gangsterism--the latter are interwoven as a rule--as at persecuting progressive organizations and active members of mass antiwar and anti-imperialist movements, all those who are opposed to the country's present "establishment."

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1610 GMT 5 Jun 68 L

Commenting in IZVESTIYA on the new crime in the United States, M. Severov writes: "The end to violence that sweeps the United States from coast to coast is not in sight. More and more often revolver shots accentuate the events in the modern history of the United States."

Severov writes further that the socioeconomic system upon which the United States rests unleashes the basest instincts of an individual. This system, that tries to impose its rule on the world through the use of arms, pays heavily for its crimes. "Its victims are not only Vietnamese women and children, not only campesinos in the Dominican Republic or the Arab fellahs, but also its own citizens no matter whether they are Boston millionaires or political leaders brothers John and Robert Kennedy, the Negro leader Malcolm X, or champion of nonviolent action Martin Luther King. In a word its victim is every man lucky to be born in the country under the stars and stripes.

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"And this society, that uses terror as the usual means of the election struggle, that swears by the green dollar and the steel of the revolver, that praises the gods of gain and violence, dares say through its prophets that it is called upon to give moral leadership to the world, and proclaims the 20th century the century of Americanism.

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1620 GMT 5 Jun 68 L

[Yuriy Babich commentary: "A Society of Fear and Violence"]

Who guided the hand of the assassin? How could this new crime have been committed? How is it possible that in a country that praises its freedom and democracy a bullet more and more is becoming the most important "argument" in a political struggle? Prominent politician, Sen William Fulbright, called America a sick society. These are not just words. The American bourgeois society is in fact incurable sick. A profound crisis has long affected the entire U.S. social system in all its aspects: its entire ideology, economy, and politics.

The American reactionary ruling classes are trying to fill this political and moral vacuum with anticommunism and anti-Sovietism. What can such bellicose, reactionary ideology give millions of Americans, particularly young ones who, on the very threshold of their conscious life, come across profound dissatisfaction, across the cult of profit that is taking root in the country, and across the cults of business, the dollar, and violence?

Moscow TASS International Service in English 0600 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

[Text] Moscow--The assassination attempt on Robert Kennedy is in the focus of attention of today's Soviet newspapers. S. Vishnevskiy, answering the question "Why was Senator Kennedy Shot?" writes in PRAVDA: "No one planned any attempt on his life when Robert Kennedy, early in his political career, served as adviser to the inquisitorial commission of the notorious Sen Joseph McCarthy. No one was aiming a gun at him when he faithfully served the ruling class as attorney general.

"The extreme ultras came to hate him only when Robert Kennedy, yielding to public pressure, made a certain, not very confident, step toward realism and criticized the most aggressive and reckless aspects of U.S. foreign policy by denouncing the escalation of the dirty Vietnam war without demanding, however, an unconditional withdrawal of interventionist troops from Indochina."

SOVIET RUSSIA has a commentary by Genrich Borovik, New York NOVOSTI correspondent, entitled "Crime in Los Angeles." He calls attention to the fact that the "police, which should have protected Kennedy, proved once again powerless as in Dallas 5 years ago and Memphis 2 months ago." "I do not know if this time the crime will be solved. The only thing clear is that the much-vaunted American freedom is a freedom to kill those who think differently. The much-vaunted American way of life is one of violence. That has become an inevitable companion to capitalist society."

Aleksey Leontyev writes in RED STAR: "Apparently, this time also certain gentlemen of the United States will weep and hypocritically express condolences. Spilling the blood of their victims and shedding tears over their fate have become favorite occupations with the bosses of America. They are steeped in crime and are trying to save face, whether in Vietnam or the United States. But these are vain attempts.

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Paramonov in LIFE ABROAD

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1418 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

[Text] Moscow--

Commenting on the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles, he writes that a "country lauded by bourgeois propaganda as a 'citadel of freedom and democracy' is increasingly becoming an arena of political banditry. For the second time in 2 months a political murder has been committed in the United States.

The author says that "the gunshots in Los Angeles bring to the fore again with new force the sinister role played by the FBI and the CIA, the mainstays of U.S. ruling circles. Whatever the present murderers may say, or whether they say nothing at all, the FBI and CIA remain a grim embodiment of the police state which America has become--the admission even of many bourgeois leaders. The CIA and FBI, many foreign researchers say, were implicated in the assassination of President Kennedy. It was the FBI head, J. Edgar Hoover, who prompted the assassins, calling Martin Luther King a liar, and who, after King's assassination, invented a slanderous version that behind this murder was a "communist conspiracy."

Victor Glazunov Commentary

Moscow in English to South Asia 1600 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

The role of a world gendarme is turning American society into a gangster at home. So it is that America, lauded as an example of Western democracy, appears before the world as a society of brutality and inhumanity. It is rooted in the very essence of the social system in America, in the very foundations of the society based on the dollar and stamping out such notions as honor, justice, legality, and humanity. Capitalism is fraught with violence, just as clouds are fraught with rain. The system of violence and lawlessness, moreover, becomes more and more rotten as political power concentrates in the hands of an ever smaller handful of monopolists.

Valentin Zorin Commentary

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1900 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

The fire of revolver shots which sounded in the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel have exposed like lightning the disgusting reverse side of the political life in the leading state of the modern capitalist world. People have been seriously shaken by the realization of the danger brought to them by the state which is pretending to play a leading part in the world and has raised violence to the level of a state doctrine.

Violence reigns supreme in the America of our times not just because any scoundrel there can easily buy weapons and have them mailed to his home, but above all because the whole atmosphere in that country is imbued with a spirit of violence. More than that--this atmosphere has been planned and cultivated for many years: American art consisting of horror books and films; science full of theories justifying the right of the strong; and above all the practical policy of the American state which uses violence and war plunder as a state policy. Such is the soil breeding the poisonous weeds, including the systematic assassinations of politicians for some reason regarded as undesirable by the extreme American reactionaries.

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Vladimir Afonin Commentary

Moscow in English to Eastern North America 2300 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

In the country that the mass media has tirelessly tried to depict as a land of democracy, it now appears that there are forces that prefer bullets to ballots, and frenzied action to sensible (?divisions of opinion). Unlike the lone assassin, the men who commit the murders of the century are bound to be someone's agents; and the prospective organizations to employ them are quite numerous. Never before in U.S. history have there been so many terrorist organizations, semilegal, or even legal. These are a product of the U.S. social system, a policy of weapons. Little wonder no traces are left when the attempt is made to find the conspirators and those who (?commit) political crimes.

It remains to be asked what sort of moral leadership a country can give if it is unable to protect its own political figures from assassination. To the world, the American way of life now looks (?rather) like the American way of death.

Orlov Commentary

Moscow TASS International Service in English 1635 GMT 7 Jun 68 L

Characteristically, the victims of these crimes are, as a rule leaders who in one way or another express their opposition to rabid militarism and racism and are therefore not suitable to extreme reaction. The murder of Robert Kennedy, says well-known Brazilian professor of law Varisto de Moises Filho, shows that in the United States there is apparently a movement of rightwingers who are connected with military circles which are interested in continuing the war in Vietnam. The chief aim of this organization, he says, is to destroy prominent democratic and liberal political leaders.

As is justly observed by many commentators, connivance and even sympathy on the part of certain officials of central and local authorities facilitates the operation of these organizations and is a contributing factor to political crimes.

To judge by quite evident symptoms, the reactionary circles have decided now to use Robert Kennedy's assassination as a pretext for whipping up an anticommunist hysteria in the country to camouflage the launching of a campaign against all progressive and liberal movements including the antiwar movement, the civil rights movement, the Poor People's Campaign, and so forth. The tone for this campaign was set by certain local government officials in Los Angeles, where this villainous crime was committed.

Mayor Yorty hurried to state that the man charged with the murder apparently had contacts with the local Dubois Club, a progressive youth organization, and that he allegedly showed sympathy for the communists. A U.S. Communist Party spokesman denied this absurd invention and described Yorty's statement as a crude attempt to mislead the public in an effort to prevent a real investigation of this dirty affair and the plot behind it.

After the Negro leader Martin Luther King was assassinated, Robert Kennedy many times called for measures to alleviate the plight of Negroes in the United States. He used to say that there will be no peace in the country until this acute problem is settled. His statements received great response among Negroes. So, by assassinating Robert Kennedy, racist elements have shown their resolve to do away with any person who is in their way.

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Korionov PRAVDA Article

Moscow TASS International Service in English 0552 GMT 8 Jun 68 L

[Text] Moscow--"The assassination of President John Kennedy and his brother, Sen Robert Kennedy, vividly demonstrate the foul essence of the world of modern capitalist America," political analyst Vitaliy Korionov writes in today's PRAVDA. "How far the disintegration of the very system of American imperialism has gone when even the remotest symptoms of the appearance in the White House of a person who dared to timidly express his disagreement with the reckless foreign political course of imperialist reaction, including escalation of the Vietnam war and other forms of violence, bring forth paroxysms of fury in certain quarters and set in motion the mechanism of political killings! The directed political crime penetrates the entire life of decaying capitalism just as salt has embued the ocean waters. Robert Kennedy's murder is added proof of this," Korionov writes.

"Political killings, which are shocking America with growing frequency, are the direct result of the well-planned course of monopoly circles aimed at turning the country and the nation into an obedient tool of their far-reaching avaricious intentions. It is now clear to everyone," Korionov writes, "that the shots in Dallas, Memphis, and Los Angeles were not the work of individual terrorists. They were possible first of all because forces are governing the country which stop at nothing in their intention to do away with everything that does not suit them.

Gennadiy Gerasimov, the NOVOSTI political analyst, writes in TRUD that "American history is spattered with blood." Every ninth president was killed, Indians were annihilated, workers were shot, "witches" were hunted, and hysterical fear of communist implanted. "All this has taken place and still exists."

Vladimir Zhukov Commentary

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1550 GMT 9 Jun 68 L

A person who is even slightly familiar with the practice and ideology of German fascism would not have much difficulty in seeing in the actions of the militant American reactionaries the customs of the Nazis.

And it is not only a matter of the murder of political opponents; it is a matter of the direct inclination of the American racists, ultras, and militarists toward fascism.

The familiar smell of Hitler's "writings, "the atmosphere of the burning of the Reichstag, and the night of the long knives come from these leaflets and other incitement literature.

And one must stress that the "program for the suppression of disorders"--that is, a violence against Negro demonstrations and those by their sympathizers, the program set out in the leaflet of the American ultras--found its application in the bloody outrages against Negroes following the murder of Martin Luther King. The army and police authorities acted virtually as one with the racists.

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Moscow in English to Eastern North American 0100 GMT 10 Jun 68 L

[Text] Mikhail Strogovich, eminent Soviet lawyer, has an interesting theory on why Robert Kennedy was assassinated. Here is his recorded statement.

The murderer has been caught. It now remains to discover the mainsprings of the crime. The same task now arises to find the organizers of the assassination, for this second murder in similar circumstances was, beyond a doubt, actuated by the same motives. The idea here was to get the brother of the assassinated President out of the way. It cannot be the accidental deed of an unbalanced person acting on his own.

The murder of Robert Kennedy throws some light on the murder of the President. Had he been elected to the White House, it is certain that he would have taken energetic steps to find his brother's real assassins. We must now wait and see what will happen.

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SUBJECT: Condolence Message on Senator Kennedy

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
 2. QTE I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
 3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Sir Humphrey Gibbs.
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Reuters item datelined London June 13 reported unidentified Arab government developed startling information on Senator Kennedy assassination and giving details to FBI. Report ASAP any information available on origin and veracity this story.

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RIDDLE OF TRIPS BY SIRHAN UNQTE IN JUNE 13 EVENING STANDARD.

2. QTE: STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE MAN
CHARGED WITH KILLING ROBERT KENNEDY HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY AN
ARAB GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MAKING AN INTENSIVE
INVESTIGATION INTO THE BACKGROUND OF SIRHAN BISHARA. THE NEW
INFORMATION, WHICH IS BEING COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED STATES
AUTHORITIES, MAY OPEN UP AN ENTIRELY NEW LINE OF INQUIRY INTO
THE MOTIVATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ATTACK ON KENNEDY. IT
ALSO INDICATED CONSIDERABLE VARIATION IN THE ACCOUNTS SO FAR
GIVEN OF SIRHAN'S PAST AND MOVEMENTS. HIS FULL NAME IS GIVEN
AS SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. HE WAS FIRST BROUGHT TO
THE UNITED STATES AS A FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD IN 1948--NOT IN
1957. HE RETURNED TO JORDAN IN 1957 AND THE RECORDS SHOW THAT
HE WAS MARRIED IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AT ES SALT, 15 MILES
WEST OF AMMAN ON JUNE 27, 1957, WHEN HE WAS ONLY 13, TO LEILA
YUSSEF MIKHAEL FROM ES SALT. LATER THAT YEAR SIRHAN
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WIFE WAS BROUGHT TO HIM. THE RECORDS OF HIS JOURNEY ARE NOT VERY PRECISE AND PROBABLY NOT VERY IMPORTANT, AS BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE WERE LITTLE MORE THAN CHILDREN. RATHER MORE INTEREST CENTRES ON THREE LATER JOURNEYS WHICH SIRHAN MADE, ESPECIALLY ON THE LST TWO WHICH, ACCORDING TO THIS INVESTIGATION, WERE MADE IN 1964 AND 1966. IN 1964 SIRHAN, ACCORDING TO THESE RECORDS, RETURNED TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR SEVEN MONTHS, FOUR OF WHICH HE SPENT IN DAMASCUS. WHERE HE WAS FOR THE REST OF THE TIME IS NOT STATED. IN 1966 HE IS SAID TO HAVE SPENT AN EVEN LONGER PERIOD IN THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING A STRETCH OF FIVE MONTHS IN CAIRO. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, AT THE BEGINNING OF 1967. THE ARAB GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT ITS RECORDS ARE ACCURATE BUT THEY ARE BEING SENT TO THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THEY CAN BE CHECKED WITH THE INFORMATION ASSEMBLED BY THE FBI. THERE IS AN EVIDENT AND INCREASING DISINCLINATION, HOWEVER, FOR WITNESSES TO TALK AND EVEN THOSE WHO SPOKE AT FIRST-- SUCH AS SIRHAN'S FATHER --HAVE NOW ADJUSTED THEIR RESPONSES. LAST WEEK SIRHAN'S FATHER CURSED HIS SON. YESTERDAY HE WAS DENOUNCING KENNEDY AND PREPARING TO GO TO LOS ANGELES TO STAND BY HIS SON.

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It is proposed that Assistant Secretary Bundy reply to the Ambassador on behalf of the President, and a suggested reply for White House clearance is also enclosed. If you agree that this is appropriate, Mr. Bundy will respond directly to the Ambassador's message along the lines of the enclosed draft.

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The President
The White House

Our hearts are filled with sorrow at the tragedy that has struck the American nation. Senator Robert Kennedy's untimely and cruel demise is a grievous loss not only to America but to the entire world. On behalf of the entire Indonesian diplomatic mission and the Indonesian community in the United States, I extend our deepest sympathies to you and through you to the government and people of the United States.

Soedjatnoko, Ambassador of Indonesia.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked me to express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the occasion of the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you who have been in our midst during this sad time are aware, this tragedy has come as a great shock to all Americans.

Your message is a source of comfort and consolation, and at the President's request I am transmitting it to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the late Senator's family.

Sincerely,

William P. Bundy

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TO : Amembassy GUATEMALA

FROM : Department of State

DATE: Jun 13 10 37 AM '68

SUBJECT : Message of Condolence on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy from Roberto Rendon

REF :

The White House has received the following message from Roberto Rendon, President of the Interamerican Committee of the Partners of the Alliance:

"In the Name of the Interamerican Committee respectfully present our sympathies for Senator Robert Kennedy's death."

The Embassy is requested to reply to this message in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

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TO : Department of State

INFO Amembassy PARIS

FROM : Amembassy DAKAR

DATE: 13 June 68

SUBJECT : Mauritanian Coverage of Kennedy Assassination

REF :

The official daily information bulletin of the GIRM, Info-Nouakchott, gave moderate coverage to the assassination of Senator Kennedy. Info-Nouakchott's June 6 issue, in addition to describing the circumstances surrounding Senator Kennedy's death, reported on Arthur Schlesinger's June 5 speech at New York City College. The article on Schlesinger contained his statement that "Americans are the most frightening people on this planet." Other quotes from the speech were those which attacked U.S. Vietnam policy and which claimed that the history of white America was characterized by violence and racial prejudice.

The same issue of Info-Nouakchott carried the following editorial (Embassy's translation):

"The American Regime Wants to Mislead Public Opinion"

"According to an Agence France Presse report datelined Los Angeles, the American police have identified Robert Kennedy's assassin as a Palestinian who has resided in the United States since 1957. The police have even supplied his name: SERHAN SERHAN!

"This accusation can only be incorrect since Palestinians involved in their just struggle do not aim [their guns] at progressive leaders in the United States. Their problem remains the liberation of their homeland, a problem limited to the area of the Middle East.

"Even if the fidayins were disposed to hunting down American pro-Zionists their first victim would be Johnson.

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"Robert Kennedy could only have been assassinated by the same hand which struck down his brother and Pastor Martin Luther King without pity. This hand, as William Manchester pointed out in his book Death of a President, is none other than the American regime."

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TO : Department of State

FROM : American Embassy Vienna

DATE: June 13, '68

SUBJECT : Austrian Reaction to the Assassination of
Senator Kennedy

REF :

Beginning on the day of the shooting of Senator Kennedy, Austrian information media gave what can only be described as "total coverage" to the tragedy and subsequent developments. Not since the assassination of President Kennedy have the Austrian press, radio and television devoted their resources so exclusively to one event.

Radio: Radio and TV were the quickest to react. Interrupting scheduled broadcasts with bulletins on developments June 5 and 6, Austrian radio devoted its major scheduled newscasts ("noon journal" and "evening journal") exclusively to coverage of the tragedy, plus the life history, policies and accomplishments of Senator Kennedy (with frequent references to his close association with President Kennedy). Following the announcement of the Senator's death, Austrian radio observed a minute of silence and altered schedules to broadcast serious music as a token of respect.

Television: Austrian television coverage relied heavily on satellite transmission and analysis by its chief commentator, Hugo Portisch, who set the tone for a mood of sympathy with the American people and the advocacy of a world-wide spirit of tolerance. In both radio and TV, this priority coverage continued through Sunday June 9.

Press: Vienna and provincial dailies devoted page after page to coverage of latest developments, with many human-

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interest features, both on the basis of international wire service copy (including speculation of a possible conspiracy) and of U.S.-based correspondents' stories. Some papers even dispatched special correspondents to the U.S. for on-the-spot coverage.

Initial editorial reaction to the news of the attempt on Senator Kennedy's life was marked by shock and doubts about America's moral qualifications for free-world leadership. This attitude soon changed, however, with more balanced comments pointing out that America is certainly "no nation of assailants," that one should guard against arrogant generalizations exemplified by a "wholesale condemnation of America," and that violence is not unique in the U.S. but exists in many countries.

Official Reaction: On the morning of June 5 Chancellor Klaus commented via an Austria News Agency release on the "terrible attempt" on Senator Robert Kennedy's life, expressing "regret and grief at this evil deed." He availed himself of the opportunity to condemn "the physical annihilation of a political opponent, no matter how hard political differences may clash, as wholly unjustified." Chancellor Klaus cabled messages of condolence to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, President Johnson and Vice President Humphrey on June 6, assuring them of the Government's sincere sympathies with the cruel loss sustained by the United States and the Kennedy family, and extolling the late Senator's fight for the noble causes of humanity, peace, freedom and justice.

In another public statement on June 6 Chancellor Klaus delivered the following eulogy:

In the past few hours we Austrians have entertained grave fears for Senator Robert Kennedy's life and we are now mourning the major loss suffered by his family and the whole American people. Like his brother, Robert Kennedy represented for the youth of the free world the ideals of democracy and of progress. With profound reverence we bow at the bier of this great cosmopolitan. However, as friends of the American people we wholeheartedly wish that the reputation of this biggest democracy be not tarnished by acts of violence. We do hope that the grave

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sacrifices by a single family will not have been in vain but will be instrumental in a return to those assets all of us will have to defend irrespective of political antagonism. The grieving sympathy of millions of Austrians these days amounts to a major demonstration of condolence.

On June 7 Chancellor Klaus, in speeches in the provinces, praised Robert F. Kennedy's espousing of genuine democracy, of the modern law-abiding and social-welfare state, and of the cause of peace. He reminded the Austrians that law and democracy must be upheld and defended against disrespect and abuse at a time of fundamental political change. In a previously scheduled speech to the Austro-American Society to report on his recent official visit to the U.S., he opened with an expression of sympathy and a eulogy.

Messages of condolence were also sent to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and Secretary of State Rusk by Foreign Minister Waldheim and SPOe chairman Kreisky. On June 5 Kreisky went on record as deploring the incomprehensible shooting, and stating that in order to prevent the world from going again through a phase of violence in political life, all people active in public life, i.e. both politicians and all others engaged in the shaping of the views and character of man, should live up to their increasing responsibility toward disseminating a climate of tolerance.

Reaction of the Man-in-the-Street: Austrians reacted with a sense of shock and personal loss as well as a wave of spontaneous sympathy to the news of the assassination which was a constant topic of conversation. Restaurants turned on television sets for satellite transmissions from New York and Washington (a rarity usually reserved for news events touching Austria and Austrians directly). Americans in Vienna were left with the impression that Austrians were reacting as though "they had lost one of their own."

American Activities: The Embassy opened books of condolence at the Chancery and at the Consular Section which were signed by a steady stream of Austrian officials, the diplomatic corp and ordinary citizens. The Embassy was also deluged with telephone calls of condolence. The Vienna Community Church held special prayers during the regular service Sunday June 9 and Christ Church (Anglican) held a memorial service on Monday June 10.

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The Embassy invited public participation in its memorial tribute to the late U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy by lowering the flag to half staff from Thursday through Sunday, and opening a condolence book for three days in the foyer of the Chancery.

The Charge' received high GOI officials, including the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, and chiefs of diplomatic missions.

An Embassy circular suggested that Mission personnel attend church services of their choice on the day of mourning, June 9, as a mark of respect. A Solemn Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral was attended by representatives of the GOI, various missions, and members of the American community.

More than one thousand people signed the condolence book, including the Prime Minister (in the Devanagari script), Minister of State for External Affairs B. R. Bhagat, the Chief of Protocol, many chiefs of mission and diplomatic colleagues, including two Ambassadors from countries with which the USG does not have diplomatic relations -- Syria and Cambodia. A large proportion of the signers wrote tributes to the late Senator in glowing and affectionate terms.

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Letters of condolence continue to pour into the Embassy, and appropriate acknowledgments are being sent in reply.

Assume Embassy will be informed of any particular desires of Kennedy family in regard to letters received and disposition of condolence book.

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JOINT EMBASSY-USIS MESSAGE

1. MEMORIAL REQUIEM MASS WAS HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL IN DAR JUNE 11 AND WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 400 PEOPLE. DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS WELL REPRESENTED, AS WAS AMERICAN COMMUNITY. ONE THIRD TO ONE HALF OF CONGREGATION WAS TANZANIAN. NO RPT NO UPPER-LEVEL TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT FIGURES WERE RECOGNIZED AMONG THOSE ATTENDING SERVICE, THOUGH EMBASSY WIFE REPORTS SHE SAW JUNIOR HEALTH MINISTER LUCY LAMECK.

2. JUNE 12 ISSUE OF "NGURUMO" CARRIES ARTICLE BITTERLY DENOUNCING AMERICA, AMERICAN POLICY, AND AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ITS ROLE IN "BESTIAL" MURDER OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

3. EMBASSY CONDOLENCE BOOK AS OF JUNE 12 HAD 112 ENTRIES. EIGHTEEN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ARE REPRESENTED AMONG SIGNATURES, INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, POLAND, AND U.S.S.R. ZANU AND PRELIMO OFFICIALS HAVE SIGNED BOOK, AS HAS ONE TANZANIAN M.P.A.S. MASKINI, AND AREA SECRETARY OF KISARAWA DISTRICT. USIS BOOK HAD 328 ENTRIES AS OF JUNE 12. NINE ARE NON-TANZANIAN (INCLUDING ONE EAST GERMAN), WITH ALL OTHERS BEING NAMES OF ORDINARY TANZANIAN PEOPLE, PLUS ONE

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A requiem mass arranged by the Consulate General was held at Marseille's Abbaye de Saint Victor on Sunday, June 9, at 5:00 P.M. The archbishop of Marseille presided. Some 2000 very sad persons attended including Mayor Defferre and most of Marseille's ranking officials.

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Le Monde on June 7 carried a frontpage editorial relating the assassination of Robert KENNEDY to the bitterness which exists in the Middle East following the Israeli victory of last June. It ends with the phrase that "most of the Arab states, as one can see, have significantly moderated their attitude since the War of June. But their positions remain still very far from those of the Israeli Government." (Enclosure #1)

In another article in the same issue, Le Monde's Philippe BEN mentioned that Sirhan SIRHAN had carried with him an article criticizing recent declarations made by Robert Kennedy in favor of Israel and that one of two notebooks found at his domicile contained the notation, "Kennedy must die before June 5, 1968." Ben also reported that both notebooks written in Sirhan's hand dealt entirely with the Arab-Israeli War. Ben reported further that Sirhan had always refused to take American nationality and considered himself a Palestinian. Several members of his family had been assassinated at the time of the first Israeli-Arab conflict.

In the June 9 issue, Le Monde declared that its correspondent in Tel Aviv, André SCEMAMA, had reported indignation in Israeli political circles at the June 7 Le Monde editorial. Le Monde said that perusal of the integral text by Mr. Abba EBAN and his colleagues would permit them to convince themselves that Le Monde in no way sought to excuse the act of the assassin -- which it qualified as a

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as criminal -- nor to attribute it even indirectly to Israel. It had sought only to try to explain it. Le Monde said that "to those who accuse Le Monde of becoming a spokesman for the Arab thesis, we permit ourselves to mention that Arab authorities, conscious of the prejudice that the affair risks causing them in American opinion, are trying, quite to the contrary, to gain acceptance for the idea that Sirhan was not really Palestinian or that his hand was armed by some conspiracy: in any case, that the murder had nothing to do with the declarations of the Senator from New York on the Israeli problem, which Philippe Ben had (nevertheless) drawn attention to in the same issue of Le Monde, with clarity."

Le Monde further reported that the Communist press in Moscow, as in Paris, denounced the effort of the Mayor of Los Angeles to present the assassin as an Arab nationalist.

Le Monde contends, "to tell the truth, the act of Sirhan, like the attacks of El Fattah and the frontier incidents, now daily occurrences, show to what point the Arab-Israeli conflict has traumatized peoples' minds; if one doesn't attack the cause of this traumatism, there will not be peace in the Middle East for a long time. This is what one has not ceased to write nor shall one fail to continue to write in the columns of this paper."

A further frontpage editorial entitled, "Too Promised Land" appeared in the June 11 issue (Enclosure #2). This editorial develops Le Monde's earlier theme that it is "necessary to disarm hate, to overcome obstacles, to find, in a word, the way to peoples' hearts," and farther on, in deploring resorting to force, "What did NASSER gain by blocking the Straits of Tiran, if not to see the Star of David float over the Suez Canal?" And, "What did Israel gain by choosing, the day after a victory which opened to it enormous possibilities, the path of intransigence and not that of magnanimity? Nahum GOLDMANN just declared in Jerusalem before the International Zionist Congress that the diplomatic position of the Jewish State had considerably weakened."

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Le Monde continued, "The ruins of 20 empires attest to the contrary: that what is built by force, shall one day be swept away by force." In further support of this thesis, Le Monde said, in explaining that hate had reached unbelievable summits, that to "contest this, to think, contrary to Arab and Communist propaganda, that it (he) could be at the origin of the criminal gesture of Sirhan Sirhan in no way means that one excuses it. Real passion and sick suspicion have taken charge of many minds if so moderate man as Mr. Abba Eban could be able to believe the contrary."

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Enclosures #1 and #2 - Articles from Le Monde as stated above.

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Il n'est pas fréquent qu'un bulletin de l'étranger prenne pour point de départ un autre bulletin de l'étranger. Mais il n'est pas fréquent non plus qu'un ministre des affaires étrangères qualifie celui-ci de provocant et que son ambassadeur à Paris prenne la plume pour indiquer au directeur du « Monde » ce qu'il serait « seyant » d'écrire.

Cette émotion ne s'explique que parce que le sujet de l'article était le conflit du Moyen-Orient, de tous les drames que connaît notre planète celui qui soulève, pour des raisons dont la raison, certes, ne suffit pas à rendre compte, les plus violentes passions.

Par métier, les journalistes du « Monde » sont habitués à être pris continuellement sous les feux croisés des propagandes contradictoires, chacun cherchant, comme c'est bien naturel, à les enrôler dans son camp. L'idée qu'ils se font de leurs responsabilités, leur conviction qu'il n'y a pas, selon la belle formule du président Eisenhower, de solution de rechange à la paix, les poussent à chercher, entre les positions qu'ils entendent ainsi répéter de manière souvent lancinante, des possibilités de compromis.

Dans cet esprit, on n'a cessé depuis vingt ans d'encourager, dans ces colonnes ceux, bien rares maintenant, mais plus nombreux à certaines époques, qui, des deux côtés de la ligne de cessez-le-feu, ont cherché à dégager les grandes lignes d'un règlement à l'amiable. De même on n'a pas cessé de répéter que la force était impuissante à trancher un conflit où s'opposent non pas la justice et l'injustice, mais deux peuples aussi convaincus l'un que l'autre que le bon droit est de leur côté. Ce dont il s'agit, par conséquent, c'est de désarmer les haines, de surmonter les préventions, de chercher, en un mot, le chemin des cœurs.

Il ne manquera pas de lecteurs pour nous écrire que c'est là langage de boy-scout. Peut-être, mais la supériorité de cette méthode sur les autres est qu'on ne l'a pas encore essayée, alors que l'échec des autres est patent. Qu'a gagné le président Nasser à bloquer les détroits de Tiran, sinon de voir l'étoile de David flotter sur le canal de Suez ? Qu'a gagné Israël à choisir, au lendemain d'une victoire qui lui ouvrait d'énormes possibilités, la voie de l'intransigeance et non celle de la magnanimité ? C'est M. Nahum Goldmann qui vient de déclarer à Jérusalem devant le congrès sioniste international que la position diplomatique de l'Etat juif s'était considérablement affaiblie.

Aujourd'hui, plus que jamais, on ne songe, de part et d'autre, qu'à essayer de faire céder l'adversaire. Dans le cas des Arabes, compte tenu des moyens dont ils disposent, c'est naïf. Dans le cas des Israéliens, qui ont la force pour eux, c'est un signe d'aveuglement. Leur attitude se comprend certes à la lumière du génocide dont le cauchemar continue de hanter leurs nuits. Ils croient en avoir tiré la leçon que la force est la seule maîtresse de ce monde. Les ruines de vingt empires attestent pourtant le contraire : tout ce que bâtit la force, la force un jour l'emporte.

En attendant, la haine atteint d'incroyables sommets. Le constater, penser, à l'encontre de la propagande arabe et communiste, qu'elle pourrait être à l'origine du geste criminel de Sirham Sirhan, ne veut évidemment pas dire qu'on l'excuse. Il faut vraiment que la passion et le soupçon maladif se soient emparés de bien des cerveaux pour qu'un homme modéré comme M. Abba Eban soit pu croire le contraire, surtout après l'éditorial qui avait été consacré la veille à l'assassinat de Robert Kennedy.

Un mot d'un écrivain et diplomate israélien, David Catariyas, résume le drame du Moyen-Orient : la Palestine est une terre « trop promise ». La vérité est qu'elle a été promise à la fois aux Juifs et aux Arabes, et que toute tentative des uns pour imposer leur loi aux autres, non seulement est vaine, mais insulte à l'esprit qui a tant de fois soufflé en ces lieux.

BULLETIN DE L'ÉTRANGER

Un an après ①
la « guerre de six jours »

Que le meurtrier de Robert Kennedy ait agi de son propre chef ou qu'il ait été l'instrument involontaire d'une sombre conspiration, le geste criminel d'un nationaliste palestinien ce 5 juin, date anniversaire de la « guerre de six jours », prend valeur de symbole. Un an après la victoire des troupes du général Dayan, vingt ans après la création de l'Etat d'Israël, jamais le désespoir et la haine n'ont été aussi intenses chez un peuple qui estime avoir été privé de patrie.

Sirhan Sirhan est précisément l'un de ces centaines de milliers de Palestiniens qui ont dû quitter leurs foyers, les uns pour trouver asile dans un pays arabe voisin, les autres pour s'établir sur une terre étrangère. Les déclarations résolument pro-israéliennes de Robert Kennedy au cours de sa campagne électorale, ses appels à l'intensification des livraisons d'armes américaines au gouvernement de M. Eshkol, ont pu exaspérer ce jeune homme de vingt-quatre ans qui, comme beaucoup de ses anciens compatriotes, ne rêve que de revanche et de « libération ».

Presque au moment de l'assassinat, de jeunes Palestiniens déposaient au cimetière arabe de Jérusalem des couronnes sur lesquelles on pouvait lire : « Aujourd'hui nous rendons hommage à nos martyrs, demain nous remporterons la victoire. » D'un bout à l'autre du monde arabe, le 5 juin a été célébré, dans la ferveur, par des grèves (dans les territoires occupés), des défilés, des manifestations et des discours prononcés par des chefs d'Etats ou de gouvernements.

Si la plupart de ces derniers se sont abstenus, cette fois-ci, de se lancer dans des diatribes belliqueuses, en se limitant à exalter la résistance palestinienne, il reste qu'une bonne partie de l'opinion arabe, profondément humiliée par la débâcle de juin dernier et indignée par l'occupation israélienne, semble persuadée que seule la violence peut parvenir à un résultat positif.

Si le roi Hussein et le président Nasser n'ont pas encore perdu tout espoir de parvenir à un règlement fondé sur la résolution votée le 22 novembre par le Conseil de sécurité, les organisations palestiniennes ont proclamé leur volonté de poursuivre la lutte armée quelle que soit l'issue de la mission de M. Jarring, le médiateur de l'O.N.U. Les attentats et les sabotages se poursuivent à un rythme jamais atteint avant la « guerre de six jours ». Le couvre-feu a été imposé à Gaza la semaine dernière après de violentes émeutes. Malgré les lourdes pertes enregistrées par les organisations de commandos — des dizaines de tués et des centaines d'arrestations, — la résistance active ou passive.

Il n'est pas dit, toutefois, que la soif de revanche l'emportera sur l'aspiration à la paix dans le cas où un règlement interviendrait entre Israël et ses voisins. Les Palestiniens, qui sont également las des vicissitudes subies depuis vingt ans, pourraient bien se résigner à l'existence d'un Etat juif si les conditions du vainqueur ne leur paraissaient pas trop draconiennes. Les exigences d'Israël concernant notamment l'ouverture de négociations directes, la signature de traités de paix comportant de nouvelles concessions territoriales, sont considérées par les dirigeants arabes comme un « diktat » intolérable. Ces derniers se déclarent prêts, en revanche, à permettre que l'Etat juif dispose de « frontières sûres et reconnues », à mettre fin à l'état de guerre et à garantir la liberté de navigation par Akaba et le canal de Suez, à condition qu'une « solution équitable » soit apportée au problème des réfugiés et, surtout, qu'Israël renonce à toute annexion.

La plupart des Etats arabes, comme on le voit, ont sensiblement modéré leur attitude depuis la guerre de juin. Mais leurs positions demeurent encore très éloignées de celles du gouvernement israélien.

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FROM : Amconsul DACCA

DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT : EAST PAKISTAN: Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Stirs Scathing
Press Attacks on American Penchant for Violence and Further Dis-
REF : illusion with US Among Educated Bengalis

The first wave of reaction in Dacca to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was characterized by editorial use of the assassination to give vent to fears and to pet animosities regarding contemporary American mores and USG foreign policies and by the man on the street asking himself "What's happening to America?" Large among the devils conjured up by the murder in the swamps of Bengal are militaristic, power-hungry hawks of the Johnson Administration and well-armed lunatics that abound in American streets.

While the dismay of most educated Bengalis at the death of Senator Kennedy is doubtless sincere and common to all who admired him throughout the world, the real concern here seems to be a fear that American society is beginning to come apart at the seams. Despite the fact that there are many here who delight in seeing feathers plucked from the tail of the American eagle and many who do not approve of much that the USG has done abroad, most educated Bengalis have viewed, however, in their heart of hearts the US as ultimate surety for the non-communist world and as a place they would like to be.

The pietistic indignation of local journalists (see enclosure editorials) strikes the reader as being sophomoric in a country and province in which domestic violence abounds and petty cruelty and unconcern continually assail the eye. Yet beneath the surge of vitriol in the sincerely troubled writers and the grinding of the pure gut anti-American hacks, one senses that this latest incidence of violence in America has further chipped away at impressions that America was somehow a better, more idealistic and more equitable place in which to live than their own society.

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EDITORIAL FROM MORNING NEWS OF JUNE 7, 1968

"ROBERT F. KENNEDY

The tragedy which began in the kitchen corridor of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles Tuesday night has run its awful course. Robert F. Kennedy is dead. An assassin's bullet wrote a cruel end to an impressive career and vaulting ambition which had brought the young Senator from New York to within arm's reach of the highest office in the United States. In doing so a terrible truth was re-stated: murder and violence have become a common political argument in a land which prides itself on its freedom and democratic processes. Something is horribly wrong in the United States.

It does not matter that Robert Kennedy's tremendous zest to win had for some an abrasive quality or that his obscure young assassin was motivated by ill-conceived ideals. The fact remains that the atmosphere of violence that permeates the United States makes such tragedies inevitable. Three times within four and a half years has that country, and the world, been rocked by these senseless acts of brutality. First it was the debonair President John Kennedy, then Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King, now the murdered President's younger brother, Bobby. The explosion of bigotry, frustration and renunciation that has disrupted availability of firearms. It has led to murder and violence in the past. It will do so again in the future unless, of course, the tragedy in Los Angeles awakens the American people to the explosive dangers that confront them.

To the Kennedys the tragedy will come as a cruel quirk of fate. Seldom has a single family dedicated so much of the flower of its youth to the service of its country and has been subjected to so much vengeance and misfortune. Their immense grief will be shared by the world which has stood aghast at the tragedy in Los Angeles."

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EDITORIAL FROM THE PAKISTAN OBSERVER OF JUNE 7, 1968

"ROBERT KENNEDY

Senator Robert Kennedy is dead. After successive victories at the primaries, his life has been brutally cut short by an assassin's bullets. Whether it is the dastardly act of a lunatic, or the result of a conspiracy is hard to tell yet. But the question will be asked until the truth is (which is seldom) found out. Within less than two months this is the second murder in America to shake the nation and shock the world.

Robert Kennedy the buoyant democrat-liberal entered the lists to face formidable adversaries on the eve of general elections in the U.S. His prospects were brightening in a way that amazed even his supporters. The results at South Dakota and California primaries came as a surprise to all. They were also an earnest of his success at the final polls. The impact of such a tragic event is bound to be shattering not only personally on his bereaved family, but also on the American nation as a whole. It is also a major blot on the face of democracy.

Since his brother, J.F. Kennedy, was killed by an assassin's bullet in 1963, America and American politics have been passing through crisis after crisis. The political assassinations of the kind that has just happened produce not only an immediate blighting effect. It augurs also terribly ill for the future of democracy, and for American democracy in particular. The gunman's bullet so ready to kill any political adversary must be disillusionising the rest of the world. For the moment this is a tremendous national tragedy for America alone.

It presents a sombre picture of American political scene today which is dominated by an increasing number of hawks whose morbid thinking is causing concern all over the world. The Johnson Administration's policy (in shaping which the Pentagon plays a more important role) of world domination by sheer military strength is clearly reflected in the way local politics and affairs in that country are being run. The hawks who represent a swelling number of extremists are intolerant of views different from and critical of their global strategy of extending America's supremacy to the furthest corners of the world. With more reliance put on guns than on reason and ballots sought to be influenced by bullets, violence is becoming the way of American life and politics. The thin veneer of democratic traditions is getting thinner showing the murderous claws of wild hawks who have no respect for others' liberties and lives. This is the image of the greatest democracy in the world which the trigger-happy lunatics seek to project. How many more lives will have to be sacrificed before the sick American conscience is so roused as to stem the tide of moral decay and recreate the awareness that the enlightened, sensible and peace-loving citizens do not have to take their beliefs from the power-drunk and war-mongers?

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The sober and sensible citizens must be disturbed by the fact that America today is in the grip of intolerance, extremism, sociopathic activity and lawlessness. People go about freely armed with lethal weapons and do not hesitate to use them even at the slightest provocation. Enough has happened to show that the present mood is one of appeal to violence and contempt for the law which afflicts the society where freedom is supposed to speak unthrottled. Is the American society, which claims to cherish the liberties, surrendering to anarchy? If not, how is it going to save itself from this madness of the paranoiac zealots who behave like crazy characters of the Wild West?"

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EDITORIAL FROM SANGBAD OF JUNE 7, 1968

"THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, one of the persons seeking the nomination of the Democratic Party for the Presidency for the U.S. November elections, has been murdered. Robert F. Kennedy has been murdered in the same manner that his older brother John F. Kennedy was shot while he was President. The assailants, however, were more cruel this time. Robert Kennedy, one of the friends of Martin Luther King, was shot at close range before the stains of the blood of Luther King could dry up. Luther King was a peace-loving leader of the negroes' civil-right movement, who also was killed by an assassin's bullet. There was no benefit from carrying him to the hospital. The assassin could not have missed his target. There is no pause in the activities of conspirators; yet there have been no precautions by the Security agencies. Groups of the murderers are moving like bloodthirsty, man-eater wolves. The U.S. is the country of the CIA and the FBI; but detectives cannot find these wolves.

Clever American spokesmen are spreading nets of dollars throughout the under-developed countries of the world with the declared purpose of setting up administrative order; but these administrative systems and their masters are themselves victims of criminals in the very country which gives the dollars. Who will seek out the murderers?

Today the whole world again is condemning the U.S. It is an open secret that those who have killed hundreds of thousands of men, women and children with Napalm bombs in Vietnam, will not spare the people of their own country. It is a consequence of imperialist lust. It is a consequence of setting up a bastion of power on the hill of capitalistic profit.

The tragic death of Robert Kennedy is a disaster for the members of his family. It is a very lamentable matter. Possibly the Kennedy family was prepared for this.

There is a serious rift in American social and political life, and gangsterism has taken hold in every sphere. The scope for recognition of human values is very limited. The struggle for principles has become the object of mockery. Above all, there are vested interests. So, the attack on Robert F. Kennedy was not quite unexpected. Still, the whole world is bewildered at another murder. Can there be any language to condemn this heinous action and the persons behind it? This is not the time for a detailed analysis of this tragic event. Today every sincere man and woman of America are judging it seriously. There the masses, the intelligentsia, workers, students, youths, negroes and white revolutionaries, who are struggling for peace, progress, social and political

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emancipation, are definitely thinking in terms of striking back. We know that they will not give up, however adverse the situation may be. Today, if anybody has the slightest remaining fascination for American dollar civilisation, or in other words imperialist capitalism, it has been lost. We want that the death of Robert Kennedy be useful in destroying this fascination among the American masses, who so long have been unconcerned. Particularly, we want American labor which has indulged in violence under the leadership of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. to come out into the streets and abandon their inertia. While expressing our sympathy for the bereaved Kennedy family, we appeal to the American conscience not to disgrace it anymore."

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF REQUESTS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY PHOTOGRAPHS SINCE ASSASSINATION. AS AGENCY KNOWS KENNEDY FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TREASURED HERE, OFTEN DISPLAYED IN HOMES IN SHRINE-LIKE TYPIFYING EMOTIONAL HOLD FAMILY HAS ON POLES.

2. WE CAN USE THOUSAND PRINTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SENATOR, EITHER ALONE OR WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY, TO MEET PRESENT DEMAND. PREFER COLOR AND EIGHT-BY-TEN SIZE.

3. ALSO REQUEST AGENCY CONSIDER MAKING SPECIAL INSERT FOR AMERYKA MAGAZINE, WITH PHOTOGRAPH SENATOR KENNEDY ON ONE PAGE, SHORT BIOGRAPHY AND HIS BROTHER'S EULOGY AT ST. PATRICK'S MASS ON OTHER, PICTURES OF HIS LIFE INCLUDING 1964 POLISH VISIT ON REMAINING PAGES. WE COULD USE FIVE THOUSAND EXTRA RUN THIS LAYOUT FOR DISTRIBUTION IN EMBASSY, POZNAN CONSULATE.

4. WE RECOGNIZE SENSITIVE AMERICAN DOMESTIC FACTORS INVOLVED BUT BELIEVE AGENCY SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER SPECIAL KENNEDY ROLE IN POLAND.
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1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE.

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. We feel particularly close to them and to you after your State Visit to our country last month. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson. UNQTE.

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by President Bourguiba.

4. Following, FYI, is (English) text of President Bourguiba's message to the President:

QTE The cruel blow which has once again struck the Kennedy family and the entire American nation has profoundly moved the Tunisian people. In these sorrowful circumstances I address to you in my own name as well as in that of the Tunisian Government and people my sincere condolences as well as the expression of my deepest sympathy. UNOTE.

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1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Royal Palace.

4. Following, FYI, is translation of King's message to the President:

QTE At a time when America is rendering supreme homage to the memory of Senator Robert Kennedy, victim of an abominable crime, I ask Your Excellency to accept my condolences of deep

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emotion and sadness and to be so kind as to transmit them also to
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SUBJ: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. GENERAL. AMONG NEARLY ALL GREEKS, ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS PRODUCED SHOCK, DISMAY, AND INDIGNATION. FROM VARIETY OF CONTACTS, WE HAVE DETECTED GENUINE FEELINGS OF SYMPATHY FOR KENNEDY FAMILY, AS WELL AS DEEP CONCERN OVER OVER GENERAL COURSE OF EVENTS IN UNITED STATES. KILLING OF KENNEDY HAS UNQUESTIONABLY DAMAGED AMERICAN PRESTIGE IN GREECE.

2. PRESS. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED AND, IN FACT, ENCOURAGED TO GIVE FULL PLAY TO RFK ASSASSINATION AND ALL DETAILS SURROUNDING IT, INCLUDING US AND BRITISH PRESS SPECULATION ON THIS SUBJECT. GREEK OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL REACTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN FULLY COVERED BY PRESS -- FROM MILITARY REGIME'S WELL-PUBLICIZED EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET AND SORROW ON THIS OCCASION; KING'S MORE SOBER CABLE OF CONDOLENCE; STORY OF HOW ELDERLY MAN IN PELOPONNESE DROPPED DEAD ON HEARING NEWS OVER RADIO; TO REPORT OF LAYING OF LAUREL WREATH "TO THE PRESIDENT OF PEACE" BY ANONYMOUS GREEK STUDENT AT US EMBASSY FLAG POLE. EDITORIALY, TRADITIONALLY RIGHTIST PAPERS HAVE PAID TRIBUTE TO RFK, AND "ETHNOS" (PRO-CENTER UNION PRIOR TO APRIL 21, 1967 COUP) LIKENED HIS CASE TO THAT OF ANCIENT GREEK TRAGEDY AND SAID: "WORLD NOW AWAITS 'CATHARSIS' SO THAT US MAY RID ITSELF OF 'MIASMA' AND REGAIN CONFIDENCE OF WORLD." TO VIMA AND TO NEA (ALSO FORMERLY PRO-CENTER UNION), WHICH HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY ESCHewed COMMENTING ON DEVELOPMENTS SINCE "REVOLUTION", WERE SILENT EDITORIALY, BUT MADE THEIR PRO-RFK FEELINGS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IN THEIR HEADLINES AND BETWEEN LINES.

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3. OFFICIAL. THOUGH PRIMIN PAPADOPOULOS AND REGENT ZOITAKIS SENT MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE (FORMER HAVING DISPATCHED DIPLOMATIC AIDE TO EMBASSY TO CONVEY THESE SENTIMENTS TO ME) AND PM OBVIOUSLY PERMITTED PRESS FREE REIGN IN REPORTING ON RFK ASSASSINATION, WE SUSPECT THAT SOME JUNTA MEMBERS ACTUALLY BELIEVE HIS PASSING FROM SCENE IS IN THEIR INTEREST. ONE JUNTA OFFICER TOLD EMBASSY SOURCE KENNEDY'S DEATH WILL HELP PRESENT GOG BECAUSE (A) IT HAS DRAMATIZED VIOLENCE IN US AND PEACE AND QUIET IN GREECE, (B) IT HAS ELIMINATED AS CANDIDATE FOR US PRESIDENCY A MAN WHO WAS ANTI-GREEK REGIME AND (C) WHEN US OFFICIALS AGAIN RAISE QUESTION OF RESTORING DEMOCRACY IN GREECE, IT WILL PERMIT JUNTA TO REPLY IN EFFECT: "WHAT KIND OF DEMOCRACY? YOUR KIND?"

4. PUBLIC. THOUGH THESE SELF-SERVING AND PARTISAN VIEWS MAY EXIST AMONG JUNTA FOLLOWERS, WE FEEL BULK OF GREEK POPULATION WAS SINCERELY MOVED BY RFK'S DEATH. FOR MANY ANTI-REGIME GREEKS HE HAD BECOME A RAY OF HOPE. RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, IMPRESSION HAD GROWN THAT, IF RFK HAD WON NOMINATION AND BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT, JSG WOULD HAVE ACTED TO OUST JUNTA FROM POWER. MORE GENERALLY, DEATH OF KENNEDY HAS CREATED SERIOUS DOUBT AND CONCERN IN MINDS OF GREEK PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, PARTICULARLY IN WAKE OF ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING AND RACE RIOTS IN VARIOUS US CITIES. NATURAL INSTINCT OF GREEKS HAS BEEN TO SEE A SERIES OF CONSPIRACIES IN ALL THESE EVENTS. MORE SERIOUS THOUGHT AMONG GREEKS, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN WHETHER US IS CAPABLE OF CONTINUING TO PROVIDE INSPIRATION AND LEADERSHIP TO PEOPLES THROUGHOUT WORLD. DAILY "AKROPLIS" EXPRESSED ITS DOUBT BY PRINTING DRAWING OF STATUE OF LIBERTY WITH TORCH LOWERED AND SMOKING.
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The untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was the occasion for eulogies and innumerable expressions of sympathy in Bombay. Many of these also reflected concern at conditions in the United States and the world at large that permitted such acts of violence to happen.

In addition to newspaper stories and editorials, letters, signatures in a condolences book, and oral expressions, there were three memorial functions on June 10: a mass at the Catholic Cathedral, a public meeting sponsored by the International Club of India, and a sundown ceremony on the lawns of the Consulate General. The first and last were well attended and impressive. The second function, because of inadequate preparation, had only a small audience; but it was notable for the excellence of the verbal tributes by a number of distinguished speakers. The Archbishop of Bombay, Cardinal Gracias, took an active part in all three ceremonies.

If desired by the bereaved family, the condolences book which was available for signature at the Consulate General from June 6 to June 12 and the principal notes of sympathy will be forwarded. All of the latter were acknowledged, and letters of appreciation were sent to Cardinal Gracias; to Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Indo-American Society, who spoke at two of the functions; and to Mr. S. K. Patil, the President of the International Club of India.

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DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF : Addis Ababa 4202; USIAC, June 6; and Others

The death of Senator Robert Kennedy caused profound shock, confusion, and bitterness among educated Ethiopians. There has been widespread support for the viewpoint expressed in the Ethiopian Herald editorial of June 8 that "The American style of democracy has suddenly become at the mercy of the gun-man. The bullet is nullifying the ballot. When the ballot says yes, the bullet says no and the bullet wins." Educated Ethiopians all point out that the "wave" of assassinations in the U. S. appears aimed at individuals who are advocates of domestic social change and revision of foreign policy, and they argue from this that the assassination represents an anti-democratic effort by certain elements in American society to stave off progressive developments.

However, along with this political bitterness, there is a feeling of sadness and sympathy which has been expressed to us by many educated Ethiopians. Conscious of the strains which the American political system is now facing, and fully aware of the difficulties of carrying out peaceful social change under any political system, many Ethiopians have speculated at length on the possibility that the United States might lose some of its democratic characteristics as a result of present social clashes. They hope that this will not come about, but some are mildly pessimistic.

Memorial Services

On June 9 at 4 p.m. a memorial service was held at the Embassy residence in observance of the national day of mourning. Although primarily

Enclosure:

1. Book of Condolences
2. Programs from Memorial Services

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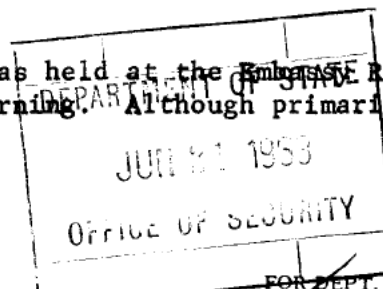
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organized for local Americans, the service was attended by members of the diplomatic corps and some Ethiopians in addition to over 250 members of the American community.

Also on June 9 a separate religious service was held at the Roman Catholic Holy Savior Church in Addis Ababa. During this ceremony a wreath was laid by Brig. General and Mrs. James M. Shepherd, Chief of MAAG/Ethiopia.

On Friday, June 7, the Ethiopian Parliament observed a moment of silence in honor of Senator Kennedy before the opening of its regular session.

The Catholic Archbishop of Addis Ababa has announced that a memorial service will be held in the Cathedral in Addis Ababa on Friday, June 14. The Ambassador will attend.

A book of condolences was opened in the Embassy Chancery on June 7 and was kept open until the conclusion of the memorial service Sunday afternoon. The book was signed by Ministers and other officials of the Imperial Ethiopian Government, the diplomatic corps, and members of the local American Community. The book is enclosed for the Kennedy family.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER
GORTON:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. ~~WHITE HOUSE~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.

3. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE I was profoundly shocked and saddened to learn of Senator Kennedy's death, which seems so unreal to me after my visit with you and your colleagues last week.

I have sent to Mrs. Kennedy from here a message of the heartfelt sympathy which Betty and I feel for her and the children. But I would also like you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your people at this grievous

time. John Gorton UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

INFO : Belgrade

FROM : AmConsul Zagreb

DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT: Reaction in Croatia and Slovenia to Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

As elsewhere, the first reports on the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy produced a mood of shock and surprise among the citizens of Croatia and Slovenia. The Consulate General received numerous telephone inquiries for the latest news while Senator Kennedy lay in critical condition in a Los Angeles hospital. Following the announcement of his death, the mood changed to one of disbelief and sorrow among elements friendly to the United States.

Press reaction to the assassination shifted rapidly from early straight news stories and expressions of sympathy for the Kennedy family to what appeared to be a concerted campaign of editorial comment designed to convince readers that the U.S. is seized by an irresolvable deep-seated domestic crisis which by its nature provides and promotes an atmosphere conducive to acts of violence, including "political assassination." Editorial comment has strongly suggested that the shooting of Senator Kennedy followed logically from the atmosphere of fear and frustration allegedly being generated in the United States in the wake of an inability to resolve the Vietnam war and domestic social ills.

The unusually severe negative commentaries in the Yugoslav press on the U.S. domestic scene may in part have been sparked by pressing domestic propaganda needs. Senator Kennedy's death came at a time of student disorders and demands for reform in Yugoslavia. A particularly vicious denigration of the U.S. society at this juncture presumably serves the useful purpose of providing a framework of comparison with conditions in Yugoslavia and, by extension, sets forth the idea that Yugoslavs, including students, should consider themselves fortunate to be living under the system now in power.

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In the wake of the news of the Senator's death, a steady stream of Zagreb citizens came to the Consulate building to stand before the American Library window display in honor of Senator Kennedy. Many stood there briefly in silent tribute, while others expressed their sorrow by placing floral tributes or by lighting vigil candles on the sidewalk in front of the window. Some University student groups, meeting in Zagreb and Ljubljana to press their demands for educational and other reforms, reportedly marked the memory of Senator Kennedy with a moment of silence. Similar expressions of tribute and sorrow were registered at church services in the consular district.

In addition to the numerous individual oral expressions of sympathy and sorrow extended to staff members, the Consulate General has received telegrams and letters of condolence from Yugoslavs in the consular district. Those directed to or addressed to the Kennedy family are being forwarded to the Embassy for appropriate onward transmittal.


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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION: DOCUMENTATION OF REACTION

1. EMBASSY WILL REPORT BY AIRGRAM ON HIGHLIGHTS AND SCOPE OF REACTION SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH AS REFLECTED IN SIGNING OF CONDOLENCES BOOK HERE, LETTERS AND MESSAGES RECEIVED, CHURCH SERVICES, PRESS CLIPPINGS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS. (WE HAVE KEPT CONDOLENCES BOOK OPEN TODAY, AND IT WILL BE AVAILABLE IF ASKED FOR UNTIL WEEKEND.) WE ARE REQUESTING OTHER SA POSTS TO FORWARD THEIR CONDOLENCE BOOKS PLUS MESSAGES AND LETTERS (WITH INDICATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OR COPIES THEREOF) HERE AND, DEPENDING ON DEPT'S WISHES, WILL SEND THESE ON BY POUCH FOR APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION IN WASHINGTON.

2. FOR SA POSTS: PLEASE FORWARD BOOKS, MESSAGES, ETC. AS INDICATED ABOVE TO EMBASSY PRETORIA RPT PRETORIA FOR PROBABLE POUCHING JUNE 27. YOU MAY OF COURSE, MEANWHILE, SUMMARIZE LOCAL REACTIONS DIRECTLY TO DEPT BY AIRGRAM. ROUNTREE

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FROM : Amconsul THAMSAI NIKH

DATE: June 12, 1968

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy's Assassination

REF :

For the first time local reaction to the death of a prominent American contained strong elements of hostility as well as the suspicion of conspiracy which was also present here at the assassination of the Senator's brother, President Kennedy. Of some 50 telephone calls received by the Consulate General on the day Senator Kennedy was shot down, 30 were hostile, but of course anonymous. Such epithets as "murderers" were scrawled on cars parked around the Consulate building. These were the first overt manifestations of anti-American sentiments since pre-coup days when parades of small bands of crypto-communists along the Consulate's waterfront were an unfailing weekend feature.

A frequent comment was to the effect that the death represented a real blow to Greece, a view based on the belief common here that the Senator was pledged to assist Greece when he became President.

The conviction that the death was the result of a conspiracy is even more widely held, including nearly all of the Consulate's Foreign Service Locals, who found supporting evidence in the speed with which Attorney General Ramsey Clark denied this possibility.

On the other hand, there were a great many sincere expressions of sympathy from all classes of Greeks and, despite the coincidence of Sunday and the Whit Monday holiday, many called at the Consulate to sign a Book of Condolences made available.

The British Consul General held the annual Queen's Birthday Reception, but prefaced the traditional toast to the Queen with a surprisingly moving tribute to the Senator and the Kennedy family.

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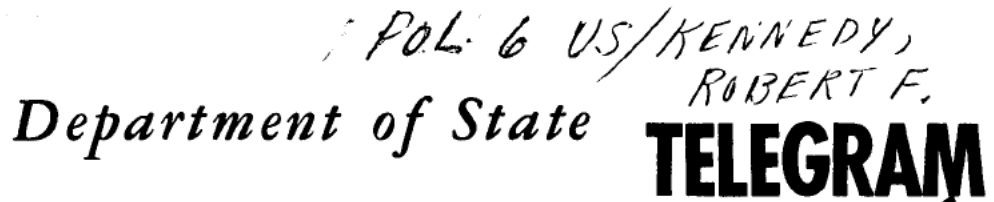
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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. JAPAN RECEIVED NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION WITH DEEP REGRET AT THE LOSS OF A FRIEND. FROM THE TIME OF HIS VISIT IN 1962, THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GOOD-WILL VISIT JAPAN HAS EVER HAD, KENNEDY HAD BEEN FOR JAPAN THE PERSONIFICATION OF ALL THAT IS MOST POSITIVE ABOUT AMERICA, AND JAPAN SOMEHOW FELT THE ESTEEM WAS MUTUAL. THE SENATOR THUS HAD MORE POPULARITY THAN THAT WHICH HE INHERITED FROM HIS ELDER BROTHER.

2. IMMEDIATE REACTIONS: (A) JAPANESE HAVE LINED UP BY THE HUNDREDS AT OUR EMBASSY AND CONSULATES TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES--TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS CONTINUE TO FLOW IN. EVENTS SURROUNDING SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH HAVE BEEN GIVEN FULL AND IMMEDIATE COVERAGE BY ALL MEDIA. IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, MEANING OF EVENT CAN BE EXPECTED TO DRAW ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS. (B) SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH IS SEEN BY SOME JAPANESE AS THE SLAYING OF A DOVE. THEY

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QUESTION WHETHER THERE WILL BE A NEW STANDARD-BEARER TO REPLACE HIM AND FEAR ANOTHER BARRIER HAS BEEN ERECTED ON ROAD TO PEACE IN VIETNAM.

3. ASSASSINATION WILL SOMEWHAT WEAKEN OUR INFLUENCE IN JAPAN. EVEN OUR FRIENDS SEEM TO BE ASKING US TO REMEDY SOCIAL ILLS THAT THEY ASSUME PRODUCED THE ASSASSINATION BEFORE THEY CAN AGAIN HAVE FAITH IN U.S. AS LEADER OF FREE WORLD. RELEVANCE TO ASSASSINATION OF ILLS THEY ARE ASKING US TO REMEDY IS FAR-FETCHED, AND MANY ASTUTE OBSERVERS WILL COME TO REALIZE THIS. HOWEVER, POLITICAL INFLUENCE OF U.S. IN JAPAN IS IN GOOD PART A MATTER OF OUR POPULAR IMAGE, AND THIS HAS RECEIVED A NEW SHOCK. ADDITIONALLY, SENATOR KENNEDY WAS CONSIDERED BY MANY JAPANESE AS SYMPATHETIC PUBLIC FIGURE, SORT OF "FRIEND AT COURT", AND HIS LOSS THUS WEAKENS ANOTHER SENTIMENTAL BOND. KENNEDY ALSO PROBABLY HELPED OVERALL BALANCE OF EMOTIONS ABOUT VIETNAM. THOUGH SOME HAWKS IN JAPAN WERE UNEASY ABOUT KENNEDY'S POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE, HIS VOICE WAS REASSURING TO MANY. TO THIS EXTENT ASSASSINATION HAS PERHAPS SLIGHTLY HEIGHTENED UNREAL FEARS OF AMERICA'S "MILITARY ADVENTURISM" IN ASIA. HOWEVER, OVER LONG RUN, AS WE AND JAPAN MOVE TOWARD MORE COLDLY RATIONAL RELATION BASED ON REAL CALCULATIONS OF COMMON NATIONAL INTEREST (AND THIS SEEMS TO US DIRECTION WE MAY BE HEADING), POLITICAL AND SENTIMENTAL ELEMENTS MAY COME TO HAVE LESS WEIGHT. SEEN FROM SUCH LONG-RANGE STANDPOINT, ASSASSINATION WILL STILL HAVE BEEN A BAD THING FOR US-JAPAN RELATIONS, BUT NOT MAJOR DETERMINANT.

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy MONTEVIDEO

SUBJECT : Venomous Marcha Editorial on Robert Kennedy Assassination

REF : Montevideo A-705 pol, 2 UR

DATE: June 12, 1968

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

The June 6 edition of the Montevideo weekly Marcha (intellectual, extreme left) carried an extraordinarily venomous, anti-U. S. editorial on the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. It was written by Carlos QUIJANO, Marcha's director.

Quijano concedes that the assassin of Robert Kennedy may not have been the specific agent of a conspiracy, but he declares that the assassination is a reflection of United States society, "which is itself a conspiracy." It is a society of "gangsters," of "lynchers of Negroes," of "Mafia thugs," of "pointless life and pointless death." It is a society which has made possible the "genocide of Viet Nam," the "lies of McNamara," "the invasion of the Bay of Pigs," the "slaughter of Santo Domingo," the "support of dictators" throughout the world. Since Americans are "taught to kill abroad," Quijano says, they quite naturally kill at home. He declares: "The United States--that diabolical power--is today the greatest danger to humanity."

Quijano says Americans are dehumanized shadows whose lives are filled with emptiness from the cradle to the grave. It is quite natural that they should resort to "drugs, alcohol, and violence."

There are occasional Americans like Robert Kennedy, Quijano says, who raise their heroic voices against certain aspects of the American system, but they tend to fall victims of its "fire," of its "violence and madness." The only possible consolation is that the American

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system is "condemned to disappear" as a result of its own "monstrous contradictions." Only if Robert Kennedy's death speeds the fall of the system, Quijano says, will he not have died in vain.

Quijano concludes: "Our enemy is the United States and we are at war with it. Regardless of who its next President is, that war will continue."

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Comment: The Embassy has long considered Quijano a Marxist (see airgram under reference). His article on the Kennedy assassination not only confirms this evaluation, but reveals him as a psychopathic enemy of the United States. A Prensa Latina or New China News Agency blast could hardly contain more vitriol than his editorial.

The Embassy has been increasingly concerned of late over the possible long-range impact of Marcha on the minds of educated Uruguayans. Since it is well written and the only intellectual weekly in the country, many responsible, non-Marxist people read it and are no doubt swayed by its extreme leftist, anti-U.S. fare. If anything, it appears to have veered further to the left in recent months under the baton of an ever more anti-American Quijano.

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The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of note
No. 8336 dated June 5, 1968 from the Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago,
which conveyed a message of sympathy to Mrs. Robert Kennedy from the
Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

This kind message has been transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy as
requested.

Department of State,

Washington,

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It is my understanding that H has passed on the Prime Minister's message.

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H confirmed that ~~that~~ message was sent to Mrs. Kennedy on June 6, 1968.

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H - Mr. Briggs (w/att)

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The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago presents
its compliments to the Department of State and has the
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from the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago,
Dr. The Rt. Hon. Eric Williams, be transmitted to
Mrs. Robert Kennedy:

"Greatly distressed at news of attempt on
life of Senator Robert Kennedy.
Fervently hope for his speedy recovery.

Eric Williams
Prime Minister "

The Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago avails
itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department of
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June 5, 1968
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SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT AS BEING CONCEIVABLY OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION. ON JUNE 8 US CITIZEN JOHN A. SWEDE (PASSPORT [REDACTED] CALLED ON EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER TO REPORT CONVERSATION MAY 17, 1968 WITH WAITER AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL BAGDAD. DURING DINNER HOTEL WAITER APPROACHED SWEDE AND WIFE TO ASK IF THEY HAD HEARD SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WAITER ASSERTED HE HAD POSITIVELY HEARD KENNEDY SHOT IN HEAD BUT NOT YET DEAD. SAID HE HAD HEARD REPORT ON SPECIAL GOVERNMENT RADIO BROADCAST THAT DAY.

2. SWEDE INDICATED HE HAD NO REASON BELIEVE THIS PREMATURE REPORT HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH SUBSEQUENT TRAGEDY BUT WORTH MENTIONING TO US AUTHORITIES. IF REPORT OF ANY INTEREST HE CAN BE CONTACTED IN LOS ANGELES AFTER HIS RETURN ABOUT JUNE 20. ADDRESS GIVEN AT 1631 CAMDEN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES 90025, TELEPHONE 4771989. ALTERNATIVELY MAY BE REACHED AT PARENTS' HOME 12751 MARLBORO STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90049, TELEPHONE 4720972.

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PRIMIN LEVI ESHKOL OPENED JUNE 9 CABINET SESSION
WITH FOLLOWING EULOGY OF LATE ROBERT KENNEDY:
QUOTE A HORRIFYING THING HAS HAPPENED TO THE WORLD;
THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY.
TWO SENTIMENTS POSSESS US: HORROR IN VIEW OF THE
ACT ITSELF, AND GRIEF AT THE LOSS CAUSED TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE AND TO THE MULTI-BRANCHED DEEP-ROOTED FAMILY
WHICH HAS SERVED HUMANITY IN SUCH A GLORIOUS MANNER.
I MET HIM DURING MY LAST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. IN
HIM MERGED A HEARTENING SIMPLICITY OF MANNER WITH
GRAVENESS AND SERIOUSNESS. WE DISCUSSED WORLD
EVENTS AND ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS. ONE COULD SEE FROM
THE OUTSET THAT THESE MATTERS WERE NOT FOREIGN TO HIM
YET HE DISPLAYED A TREMENDOUS INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY
CONCERNING THE FORGING OF A NATION OUT OF THE FRAGMENTS
OF EXILES. HE FELT A SENSE OF MISSION ALSO ABOUT HUMAN
PROBLEMS AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. THIS PERSONAL
ACT OF MURDER FROM AMBUSH IS INDICATIVE OF THE
DESTRUCTION OF THE SOCIAL AND MORAL FRAMEWORK OF MAN
AND HIS CULTURE.
TO THE FAMILY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND ITS DISTINGUISHED
PRESIDENT WE SEND FROM HERE, FROM THE CABINET MEETING,
THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CABINET AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL
IN THEIR TRAGEDY AND GRIEF. UNQUOTE.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8612

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SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES

1. OBSERVANCES AT STATE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENTS IN GERMANY IN CONNECTION WITH SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

2. THE FLAGS AT THE RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY WERE PLACED AT HALFMAST; A CONDOLENCE BOOK WAS PLACED ON A TABLE IN THE CHANCERY'S ENTRANCE HALL WITH A PICTURE OF SENATOR KENNEDY, FLANKED BY FLOWERS AND TWO LIGHTED CANDLES. ALMOST 1,200 PERSONS SIGNED

THE BOOK. AMONG THEM WERE MINISTER SCHILLER, THE AMBASSADORS FROM APPROXIMATELY 50 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE USSR, AND THE MAYOR OF COLOGNE.

3. THE SEVERAL AMBASSADORS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM ITALY, SWEDEN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, PHILIPPINES, AND JORDAN SENT PERSONAL LETTERS TO THE AMBASSADOR. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED THE MINUTE SENATOR KENNEDY WAS WOUNDED AND CALLED PERSONALLY AT THE RESIDENCE AFTER HIS DEATH. SEVERAL LEADING GERMAN PERSONALITIES ALSO WROTE PERSONAL MESSAGES TO THE AMBASSADOR. INCLUDED IN THIS

GROUP WERE DR. FRANZ-JOSEF STRAUSS, THE RIGHT REVEREND HERRMANN KUNST (REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES OF GERMANY), DR. HERMANN ABST (CHAIRMAN, DEUTSCHE BANK), DR. GEORG-AUGUST ZUNN (MINISTER PRESIDENT OF LAND HESSEN) AND THE MAYORS OF FRANKFURT, WIESBADEN, AND WUERZBURG.

4. AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE AND REQUIEM MASS WERE HELD ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS AT THE AMERICAN CHAPEL. THE AMBASSADOR ATTENDED BOTH AND MADE STATEMENTS ON GERMAN TELEVISION AND RADIO.

5. CONDOLENCE BOOKS WERE PLACED IN THE ENTRANCE HALLS OF ALL

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CONSTITUENT POSTS. ALL FLAGS WERE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST, AND
SPECIAL MEMORIAL CEREMONIES WERE CONDUCTED IN BERLIN AND
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2499

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SUBJ: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. AMONG LITERATE PORTION OF FREETOWN REACTION TO ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS BEEN GENERALLY ONE OF SHOCK, GENUINE REGRET, AND PERPLEXITY AS TO WHY MURDERING OF POLITICAL FIGURES HAS BECOME SO COMMONPLACE IN US. NAME IS WELL-KNOWN HERE AND PEOPLE CONSIDERED HIM CHAMPION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND MINORITY GROUPS.

2. PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN BROAD AND MIXTURE OF STRAIGHT REPORTS CARRIED IN BOTH UNITY AND DAILY MAIL AND SCURRILOUS, IRRESPONSIBLE EDITORIALS IN UNITY. LATTER HAVE BEEN EXTREME IN THEIR ATTACKS ON UNITED STATES (SEE FREETOWN 1911 OF JUNE 7) AND HAVE USED KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AS DEPARTURE POINT FOR BLAMING US FOR EVERYTHING FROM LUMUMBA'S DEATH TO GANGSTERISM AND DECLINING MORALS IN SIERRA LEONE. THEY EVEN SUGGEST THAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT WEST AFRICA DOESN'T BECOME ANOTHER VIETNAM WITH "AMERICAN BOOTLEGGERS AND MARINES TAKING PLACE OF PEACE CORPS." TORTURED REASONING IN THESE EDITORIALS DOES NOT REFLECT MAN ON STREET WHOSE GENERAL REACTION WAS AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND ACTING GOV-GEN ALL EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES TO ASST. SECY. PALMER DURING HIS CALLS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7.

4. NEW FREETOWN DAILY AWOKO WHICH MADE APPEARANCE LAST WEEK CARRIED, WITHOUT COMMENT, TEXT OF PEACE CONGRESS OF SL STATEMENT ON KENNEDY'S DEATH. STATEMENT REFERS TO KENNEDY AS PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE AND CALLS MURDER "PLANNED" WITH TRAILS LEADING "UNMISTAKABLY TO

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WHITE HOUSE" AND "OTHER CITADELS OF CIA-MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL-POLITICAL COMPLEX IN WASHINGTON." STATEMENT SIGNED BY MONTY COLE, SECGEN OF PEACE CONGRESS, SAYS PEOPLE FOR WHOM KENNEDY FIGHTING HAS BEEN ALIENATED BY "AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF A MAN AND HIS BAND OF MURDERERS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2792

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SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 17674, 17678; TRIPOLI 3879, 3898

1. BOOK SIGNING CONTINUED AT EMBASSY JUNE 7 WITH 86 SIGNATURES ENTERED. THESE INCLUDED MOST AMERICAN AND LOCAL STAFF OF EMBASSY.

2. DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS AMONG SIGNERS. LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF AMERICAN COMPANIES AND A FEW PRIVATE LIBYANS ALSO CALLED.

3. GOL OFFICIAL CALLERS INCLUDED MOHAMAD AL-KHWAILDI, DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AHMAD FAHMI AL-HAMMALI, UNDERSECRETARY OF CIVIL SERVICE.

4. AT BEHEST OF GROUP ARAB AMBASSADORS BOOK RE-OPENED JUNE 8 FOR TWO HOURS. AMBASSADORS OF SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, KUWAIT AND HEAD AUSTRIAN LEGATION CALLED TO SIGN.

5. MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD WHEELUS AIR BASE JUNE 9. CONDUCTED ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN ASSISTED BY PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS. SERVICE ATTENDED BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER; UNDERSECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS; DEPUTY CHIEF ROYAL DIWAN; JORDANIAN AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS; FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND DCM; BELGIAN ATTACHE;

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MALTESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND FRENCH POLITICAL OFFICER.
SERVICE, WHICH WAS OPEN TO PUBLIC, CROWDED
WITH MANY STANDING IN AISLES. NEWSOM

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FROM : Amconsul AMSTERDAM

SUBJECT: Memorial Services for Robert F. Kennedy in Amsterdam

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DATE: June 11, 1968

The City of Amsterdam and the private John F. Kennedy Foundation held a memorial service for Robert Francis Kennedy on Saturday, June 8th at the John F. Kennedy Memorial on Kennedylaan in this city. Despite a driving rain at least one thousand persons were in attendance, with hundreds more standing on roof tops and observing from open windows in the neighborhood.

Wreaths were laid at the monument by Mayor Samkalden, the Director of the Netherlands-America Institute, this Consul General, and groups of Amsterdam school children. Speakers were: the Mayor, this Consul General, a Protestant Minister and a Rabbi. A Catholic priest led the assembled group in prayer.

Significantly, telegrams of condolence from Peter COHEN, Preident of the General National Student Association, and from the students of the Free University of Amsterdam were read at the services.

The Mayor then led the entire assemblage past the monument and the wreaths in a silent march. Later, hundreds of those in attendance visited the Consulate General to sign the register expressing condolences to the Kennedy family. (Incidentally, a steady stream of visitors to the Consulate General throughout Thursday, Friday and Saturday signed the register, filling several books which will be included among those to be sent to the Kennedy family from the Embassy.)

A lighted oil lamp was placed at the monument. It is the intention of the John F. Kennedy Foundation to replace the symbolical oil lamp with a permanently flaming torch.

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The program was covered by press and radio reporters and by television cameramen.

Enclosed is a copy of the Consul General's remarks.



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TEXT OF SPEECH HELD BY CONSUL GENERAL HAROLD E. HOWLAND DURING
COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE FOR ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY ON SATURDAY,
JUNE 8, 1968 IN AMSTERDAM

Mijnheer de Burgemeester, Dames en Heren:

Voor mijn aanstelling in Amsterdam woonde ik dicht bij de Robert Kennedy familie. De tragiek van zijn dood is voor mij een persoonlijk verlies. Ieder van zijn tien kinderen betekent iets voor ons. Hij was een goed, medelevend en trouw dienaar van ons volk. En nu is Robert Kennedy dood, in de kracht van zijn leven.

Mag ik een telegram voorlezen, dat ik van President Johnson ontving en dat naar mijn mening het beste uiting geeft aan wat er in onze harten leeft:

"This is a time of tragedy and loss. Senator Robert F. Kennedy is dead.

"Robert Kennedy affirmed this country -- affirmed the essential decency of its people, their longing for peace, their desire to improve conditions of life for all.

"During his life, he knew far more than his share of personal tragedy.

"Yet, he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women.

"He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence -- and in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.

"Our public life is diminished by his loss. Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and his family. I have issued a proclamation calling upon our nation to observe a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy."

En vandaag, hier in Amsterdam, sluiten wij ons aan bij President Johnson, Mevrouw Kennedy en het Amerikaanse volk in hun rouw over Robert Kennedy. Ik dank allen die aan de voorbereiding van dit herdenkingsuur hebben meegewerkt, al onze Hollandse vrienden die hun condolences hebben aangeboden, en al de inwoners van dit land, waarvan wij weten dat zij in ons zware verlies delen.

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL CONGO (B) STATEMENT OF ASSASSINATION
SENATOR KENNEDY

REF: KINSHASA'S 9627

1. THE A.C.I. BULLETIN FOR JUNE 8 FEATURES TEXT OFFICIAL GRC
DECLARATION OF JUNE 7 ON SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION,
UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

2. QTE. THE GOVERNMENT, CONVENING THIS MORNING UNDER THE CHAIR-
MANSHIP OF BROTHER DAVID-CHARLES GANAQ, ACTING CHIEF OF STATE,
LISTENED TO A BRIEFING BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON
THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, AND NOTABLY ON THE INCIDENT WHICH
HAS JUST PLUNGED AMERICAN SOCIETY INTO MOURNING WITH THE ASSASSI-
NATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

3. QTE. THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED ITS MOST PROFOUND INDIGNATION
AT THIS OUTRAGE AND REAFFIRMED ITS COMPLETE CONDEMNATION (ABOVE
AND BEYOND ANY IDEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS) OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATION
AS A MEANS TO PERMIT THE RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS THAT CAN BESET
A COUNTRY.

① 3. QTE. WITH THIS ODIIOUS ASSASSINATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC UNHAPPILY TURNS TO THE EVIDENCE, ONE MORE TIME, THAT
THE POLICE AND HANGMAN'S ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA VIS-A-VIS OTHER PEOPLES OF THE WORLD IS THE SADLY
FAITHFUL ECHO OF INTERNAL AMERICAN IDEOLOGY BASED UPON MONEY,

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THE SELFISH ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH WHEREBY MIGHT MAKES RIGHT.

4. QTE. THE GOVERNMENT NOTES WITH DEEP CONCERN THAT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT COEXISTS, ALAS, WITH ANGUISH-CAUSING SCORN FOR MAN, WHO SHOULD BE AT THE CENTER OF ALL EFFORTS TOWARD THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETIES, THEREBY PLACING DANGEROUSLY IN PERIL THE PEOPLE'S EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE.

5. THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES ITS CONVICTION THAT PROFOUND CHANGES WILL COME ABOUT IN THIS MENTALLY SICK COUNTRY THANKS TO THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY VOICES THAT WILL CALL FORTH FROM THE AWARENESS OF THE ASHES OF THEIR SONS FALLEN YESTERDAY AND TODAY FOR THE STRUGGLE TO THE DEATH, ALAS, FOR THE ADVENT OF A SOCIETY WHERE MAN WOULD BE THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING.

6. QTE. FINALLY THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY ITS MOST DEEPLY FELT CONDOLENCES. END QTE.
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SUB: REACTION TO ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY

REF: STATE 176747

1. NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE HEAVY, ALMOST ENTIRELY STRAIGHT NEWS PLAY.
 2. GOVERNOR GENERAL TELEPHONED CONDOLENCES. HANDFUL OF OTHER BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS ALSO PHONED, VISITED OR WROTE CONGEN EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES.
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FROM : Amconsul CASABLANCA

DATE: June 11, 1968

SUBJECT : Views of the Casablanca Left on the Assassination of
Senator Kennedy and the American Presidential Election

REF :

Beneath a surface reserve and embarrassment -- the product of apprehensions over Sirhan's identification as an Arab and over the possible political use the Istiqlal Party domestically and virulently pro-Arab groups abroad may make of the affair -- members of the Casablanca Left have shared a deep sorrow and concern over the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The sorrow reflects their profound and longstanding sense of identification with the Kennedy family. They greatly admired the late President Kennedy, were immensely flattered when Senator Edward Kennedy visited Casablanca in late 1966 and met with leaders of the local Left, and took a direct and personal interest in the presidential candidacy of Senator Robert Kennedy (a small but typical example has been a secretary at the Union Marocaine du Travail (UMT) who has repeatedly told the drafting officer that she prayed each night for Senator Kennedy's election).

The impact of the murders of Senator Kennedy and Dr. King coupled with the press accounts of racial and student disorders have raised concern over the viability of American society and over the future personal safety of any American political leader like the Kennedys.

If the Casablanca leftists are convinced that the outcome of the 1968 American presidential election is of grave consequence for the world and for Morocco, they have little conception at present of what the outcome and its consequences might be and, indeed, have displayed surprising ignorance of American politics and the current candidates for the presidency.

For example, there has been a prevalent belief (shared by former Prime Minister Ibrahim) that Senator Kennedy had already won the Democratic

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nomination. The other Democratic candidates have been scarcely known and held in low regard: Vice President Humphrey because he is locally believed to be Jewish and Senator McCarthy because he is thought to be related to the late Senator Joseph McCarthy and his views. On the Republican side, Mr. Nixon is slightly better known but only in the historic context of the Eisenhower Presidency. The personal background and particular views of each of these candidates, as well as other dark horse presidential aspirants, are unknown to the Casablanca Left.

If the astonishing ignorance of persons, policies, and politics in the current U.S. presidential election by the leaders and members of the Casablanca Left is typical of political figures in other countries, there is an evident need for considerable background material, translated into local languages, on the election and its candidates. The Consulate General would particularly recommend the translation and use of campaign biographies, or excerpts thereof, as a means of describing and bringing to life the individual presidential candidates for foreign target audiences.


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Public and private reaction within the Republic of Korea to the assassination of Senator Kennedy was highly emotional, and such substantive comment as did appear was devoted largely to questioning the ability of the American society to surmount the challenges it faces at home and abroad. Amidst all these expressions of doubt, a columnist for the Choson Ilbo saw fit to use this occasion to express in eloquent terms a reaffirmation of Korean faith in the United States. Text of this column is enclosed.

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By Korean standards, few seemed more blessed than Joseph P. Kennedy was. To speak of longevity, he has lived eighty years. As for wealth, he is one of the wealthiest men in the world's richest country. He has nine children, and tens of grandchildren. He himself was once the Ambassador to England, and his sons have been or are the U.S. President, Cabinet member, and U.S. senators. But a storm of misfortune is blowing against his family. His eldest son was killed in World War II; his second son was assassinated at the summit of glory; and his third son has just been shot down while campaigning for the presidency.

What the old man must feel now is apprehensible enough to anybody. But we should note that his way of thinking is entirely different, in some aspect, from that of ours. Faced with a similar tragedy, some of us might feel like ascribing it, say, to the geomantically unlucky situation of their ancestral tombs. Others might let the rest of their sons wash their hands of politics. But the Kennedys apparently would not yield to all these mishaps. The younger brother rose where his big brother had fallen. If the younger brother is also downed, his little brother will come forth. If he, too, should fall, his sons and grandsons would show up. This is the pioneer spirit of America. It is the die-hard will of American struggle.

In the Kennedys we see a symbol of the American spirit. Their country has been blessed--blessed with wealth, prosperity, and power. But she has come to face serious troubles of late. More than once, the Goddess of Liberty has shed tears, staining her clothes. But America never resigns, nor falls down for good. She will rise again and spring out of the quagmire of violence, plot, and depravity. May her liberty and peace always overwhelm the forces of injustice! So pray all her allies.

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1. I AGREE WITH REFTEL COMMENTS AND CAN CONFIRM THAT SITUATION HERE REGARDING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WHICH MANY SEE AS PART OF A CONSPIRACY IS SIMILAR TO THAT IN SENEGAL.

2. RADIO CONAKRY YESTERDAY CARRIED STORY OF ARREST SIRHAN'S BROTHER IN IRAQ FOR ESPIONAGE STATING NETWORK FOR WHICH HE OPERATED HAD HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON. THIS IS KIND OF REPORT WHICH EXCITES FURTHER SPECULATION.

3. AS REPORTED TO USIA JUNE 10 (CONAKRY 1804) PEOPLE HERE ARE HORRIFIED AT IDEA ASSASSIN MIGHT BE RELEASED ON BAIL AND WE SUGGESTED VOA DO ITS UTMOST EXPLAIN LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

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SUBJ: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. AMONG LITERATE PORTION OF FREETOWN REACTION TO ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAS BEEN GENERALLY ONE OF SHOCK, GENUINE REGRET, AND PERPLEXITY AS TO WHY MURDERING OF POLITICAL FIGURES HAS BECOME SO COMMONPLACE IN US. NAME IS WELL-KNOWN HERE AND PEOPLE CONSIDERED HIM CHAMPION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND MINORITY GROUPS.

2. PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN BROAD AND MIXTURE OF STRAIGHT REPORTS CARRIED IN BOTH UNITY AND DAILY MAIL AND SCURRILOUS, IRRESPONSIBLE EDITORIALS IN UNITY. LATTER HAVE BEEN EXTREME IN THEIR ATTACKS ON UNITED STATES (SEE FREETOWN 1911 OF JUNE 7) AND HAVE USED KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AS DEPARTURE POINT FOR BLAMING US FOR EVERYTHING FROM LUMUMBA'S DEATH TO GANGSTERISM AND DECLINING MORALS IN SIERRA LEONE. THEY EVEN SUGGEST THAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT WEST AFRICA DOESN'T BECOME ANOTHER VIETNAM WITH "AMERICAN BOOTLEGGERS AND MARINES TAKING PLACE OF PEACE CORPS." TORTURED REASONING IN THESE EDITORIALS DOES NOT REFLECT MAN ON STREET WHOSE GENERAL REACTION WAS AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND ACTING GOV-GEN ALL EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES TO ASST. SECY. PALMER DURING HIS CALLS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7.

4. NEW FREETOWN DAILY AWOKO WHICH MADE APPEARANCE LAST WEEK CARRIED, WITHOUT COMMENT, TEXT OF PEACE CONGRESS OF SL STATEMENT ON

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KENNEDY'S DEATH. STATEMENT REFERS TO KENNEDY AS PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE AND CALLS MURDER "PLANNED" WITH TRAILS LEADING "UNMISTAKABLY TO WHITE HOUSE" AND "OTHER CITADELS OF CIA-MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL-POLITICAL COMPLEX IN WASHINGTON." STATEMENT SIGNED BY MONTY COLE, SENATOR OF PEACE CONGRESS, SAYS PEOPLE FOR WHOM KENNEDY FIGHTING HAS BEEN ALIENATED BY "AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF A MAN AND HIS BAND OF MURDERERS IN THE WHITE HOUSE."

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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

REF: STATE 178273

1. FOLLOWING MEASURES TAKEN TO COMMEMORATE DEATH OF
SENATOR KENNEDY:

A. US FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF AT CIVILIAN AND
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THROUGH JUNE 9. TURKISH
GOVERNMENT ORDERED TURKISH FLAGS SIMILARLY LOWERED
AT JOINT FACILITIES.

B. BOOK OF CONDOLENCES OPENED IN EMBASSY ROTUNDA
SIGNED BY HIGH RANKING TURKISH OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF
DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

C. MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD IN JUSMMAT AUDITORIUM JUNE 9.
AFTER REQUIEM MASS BY TUSLOG CHAPLAINS, AMBASSADOR
DELIVERED EULOGY.

D. SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN BY THREE CONSTITUENT POSTS AND
MILITARY FACILITIES.

E. PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ATTESTING TO POPULARITY
PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND SENATOR KENNEDY IN TURKEY. STATEMENT
ISSUED BY AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING CARRIED
WIDELY BY PRESS.

F. COMPLETE REPORT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM. EAT

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TO : Department of State

INFO: Lisbon, Luanda

FROM : Amcongen LOURENCO MARQUES

DATE: June 11, 1968

SUBJECT: Local Reactions and Events Concerned with Assassination of Senator Kennedy

REF : Lourenco Marques 772, 6/7/68; State 176747, 6/5/68.

SUMMARY

In compliance with the Department's reftel this airgram discusses the classified aspects of the assassination, excluding as much unclassified material as possible without sacrificing coherence. A separate unclassified airgram will be transmitted shortly.

While local news coverage of the assassination was extraordinarily extensive, editorial comment has been meager, and only one editorial used the tragedy for an unqualified attack on the U.S. Condolences from officials and private citizens have been sparse, with most such expressions coming from consular corps colleagues and the Anglophone community. I thought it best not to notify officially the host government of our condolence book or our modest memorial service, although the latter was advertised in the funeral notices section of the local press. The local citizenry has been intensely interested but very few share our sense of loss or regret our troubles.

NEWS MEDIA

As noted in our reftel, local press coverage of the attack on and death of Senator Kennedy was extraordinarily extensive and essentially factual. No editorials appeared until June 7, and there have been only three since then. Only one editorial-- that in the June 7 edition of Diario, the Church-owned daily in Lourenco Marques -- took advantage of the tragedy, through

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expressions of sorrow, to announce the final failure of democracy and raise the spectre of conspiracy as a reflection of a "sick nation". This editorial, on the left-hand side of the page, was signed only with the initial "A".

Significantly, the editor (and second-in-charge) of Diario made a condolence call on me only a few hours after the paper appeared, stayed for some thirty minutes, and was especially sympathetic. I asked him who wrote the editorial, and he said that he did not know but that he would find out and let me know. He has not called back. I think it probable that the editorial was written either by the director of the newspaper, by the Archbishop, or by a senior official of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino (co-owner of the paper with the Church), as these are the only people outside the secular government whom the editor could neither edit nor identify to me. I view the editor's visit as an attempt to personally disassociate himself from the editorial.

Translations of these editorials, and any more of substance that may come in, will be transmitted as enclosures to the subsequent unclassified agram.

HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AND PROTOCOL

Most of the elite in Lourenco Marques no doubt have been hoping that Kennedy would not be the next President, if for no other reason than that he has been closely associated in their minds with President Kennedy's African policy and with Governor Williams. It is also a reasonable assumption that most of them read the extensive factual coverage of the assassination as further evidence of the weakness of our system of government and the dangerous immaturity of Americans.

Under these circumstances, and of course lacking precedents, the Consulate General sought appropriately to reflect national sorrow, cohesion, dignity and faith without violating local protocol, embarrassing host country or foreign consular officials, or risking local rebuff. We opened a condolence book without public or official notice, even to the Dean of the Consular Corps, although the entire Consular Corps was made aware informally of its existence. As we received no condolences or expressions of regret from any Portuguese clergyman, and as there was no American Catholic parish priest here, we felt it inappropriate to request a memorial service (which would have been in Portuguese) that could

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have placed the local Catholic Church in the position of turning us down or at least might have caused the local government to feel it appropriate to tell its own officialdom not to attend.

However, the rector of the local Anglican Church, a British subject who by chance is the senior Anglican clergyman in Mozambique at the moment in the absence of the Bishop, on June 7 volunteered to give a memorial service. I accepted and we placed a black-bordered advertisement among the funeral notices of both local newspapers on June 8, for a service on June 9. Again I thought it best not to bring this formally to the attention of either the local government or the foreign consular corps through its dean. However, we did notify by telephone or in person all members of the small American community who were in town at the time. The service, which will be described more fully in the subsequent unclassified airgram, was in good taste, attended primarily by Americans and British with a few South Africans, but virtually no Portuguese. Fortunately the church was small, holding only about 80 people, and it was therefore full.

The few host country officials who have either signed the book or sent written condolences -- mostly the latter -- are among those whom I might have expected to do so out of courtesy to me, as they are mostly people I know quite well. Perhaps more significant is the fact that many other officials with whom I and/or other officers have frequent official and social contact, and virtually all the local citizenry who are supposedly anti-establishment, have made no gesture or remark whatever. Included in this group are several people who have talked to us on other matters since the assassination. Only two ConGen local employees (out of 9) expressed their condolences to me or otherwise. One was the Consulate General's African receptionist/chauffeur, who sought me out and spoke to me almost immediately after the Senator's death, and the other was our most junior secretary (of Greek rather than Portuguese origin), who attended the church service. Conversely, our entire household staff -- all Africans -- did give us their condolences.

CONCLUSIONS:

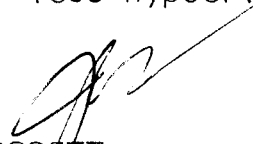
The typical personal reaction of the elite here no doubt was about what one might expect: Great interest, further support for the Portuguese belief that theirs is an older and more civilized society that has no obligation to listen to us or

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to sympathize with our troubles, and somewhat improved hopes that the next U.S. Administration will at least not be still less sympathetic to them. Many of our personal acquaintances are obviously less courteous or less hypocritical than I would have expected.



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1. WHILE MONDAY PAPERS PRE-OCCUPIED WITH CABINET CHANGES, COVERAGE OF KENNEDY TRAGEDY CONTINUED HEAVY WITH MANY DJAKARTA PAPERS PUBLISHING NUMEROUS PICTURES NOT ONLY OF A WOUNDED KENNEDY BUT ALSO HIS FAMILY AND BURIAL CEREMONY.

2. HARIAN KAMI (STUDENTS) PAPER IN CORNER COLUMN UNDER HEADING 'AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY' DESCRIBES IMAGINARY ARRIVAL OF BOB KENNEDY IN HEAVEN AND MEETING BROTHER JOHN AND M.L. KING THERE. "BOBBY," EXCLAIMED JOHN, 'I DID NOT EXPECT YOU TO BE HERE SO SOON. DON'T CRY, A KENNEDY NEVER CRIES. WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING THERE IN OUR COUNTRY?' 'I DON'T KNOW,' ANSWERED BOBBY, 'I DON'T KNOW, FULLBRIGHT TOO WAS ASKING THE SAME QUESTION WHEN I WAS SHOT.' THEN DR. KING SAID: 'I HEAR JOHNSON HAS FORMED A COMMITTEE . . . AMERICA IS IN THE DARK, PEOPLE CHOOSE BULLETS INSTEAD OF BALLOTS.'" ARTICLE GOES ON "THE THREE MEN STOOD IN SILENCE, TRYING TO GUESS THEIR FATE. PERHAPS IN A SHORT TIME SOMEBODY ELSE WILL KNOCK ON DOOR TO HEAVEN, NOT ONLY SOLDIER WHO DIED IN VIETNAM, BUT PERHAPS ANOTHER PROMINENT MAN."

3. IN FRIDAY EDITORIAL SINAR HARAPPAN (PROTESTANT) UNDER HEADING 'OTHERS WILL CARRY ON' OPENS BY SAYING "BOB KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION FOLLOWING THAT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, MAKES WORLD WONDER IS THIS AMERICA WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE ASPIRING TO UPHOLD PEACE IN WORLD AND TO ELIMINATE INJUSTICE AND CURBING OF HUMAN RIGHTS? IT REMINDS

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US OF AMERICAN BY NAME OF JOHN RANDOLPH OF ROANOKE WHO REMARKED THAT 'I LOVE LIBERTY BUT I HATE EQUALITY'... AMERICAN PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY, YET AMERICA FAILS TO REALIZE THAT DEMOCRACY CANNOT BE PERFECT WITHOUT EQUALITY. WORLD KNOWS THAT THESE THREE MEN WERE KILLED BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO ENDOW DEMOCRACY WITH THE EQUALITY FOR WHICH COLORED AND POOR IN AMERICA ARE STRUGGLING SO TENACIOUSLY."
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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

1. CONSULATE AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS CONTINUE RECEIVE EXPRESSIONS SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY BUT CONSPIRACY THEORY LINKING HIS ASSASSINATION WITH THOSE OF OTHER PROPONENTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS BELIEVED BY MANY INCLUDING RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS LIKE PETER ODUMOSU, HEAD OF WESTERN NIGERIAN CIVIL SERVICE. ON OTHER HAND, SAM ASABIA, PERMSEC MIN. OF FINANCE, RECENTLY IN US AS LEADER GRANTEE, SAID DURING SYMPATHY CALL ON VICE CONSUL HE DISBELIEVES CONSPIRACY BUT ATTRIBUTES KILLING TO WORLD-WIDE ATMOSPHERE OF VIOLENCE.

2. CONDOLENCE BOOK IN USIS LIBRARY SIGNED BY NUMBER OF NIGERIANS INCLUDING NOVOSTY PRESS REPRESENTATIVE NIYI ONI. CONDOLENCE LETTERS RECEIVED FROM VICAR GENERAL IBADAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE AND SMALL UNIBADAN STUDENT GROUP. VOICE VOTE OF CONDOLENCE ADOPTED BY IBADAN DINING CLUB (NIGERIANS AND EXPATS).

3. HOWEVER, HARSH COMMENT CONTINUES IN PRESS. COLUMNIST IN SUNDAY SKETCH CONSIDERS IT "NOT UNLIKELY KENNEDY VICTIM OF ORGANIZED CONSPIRACY OF WHITE EXTREMISTS" AND LETTER IN JUNE 10

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ANARCHISTS AND STONE-AGE MEN."
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FROM : Amembassy MONTEVIDEO

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT : GOU Senate Message on Shooting of Robert Kennedy

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Enclosed for transmittal to the United States Senate is the original and an English translation of a message from the Senate of Uruguay expressing the latter's "horror and shock" over the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The message was delivered to the Embassy prior to Senator Kennedy's death. It is signed by Alberto E. ABDALA, President of the Senate and Vice President of Uruguay.

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Enclosures:

1. Message from Uruguayan Senate
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CAMARA DE SENADORES

Señor Presidente del Senado de los Estados Unidos de América

El Senado de la República Oriental del Uruguay manifiesta su horror y desconcierto ante el doloroso atentado contra el Senador Robert Kennedy, y transmite sus expresiones de solidaridad en esta trágica circunstancia.

ALBERTO E. ABDALA
Presidente

JOSE PASTOR SALVAÑACH
Secretario

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Enclosure No. 2
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THE SENATE

To the President of the Senate of the United States of America

The Senate of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay expresses its horror and shock at the lamentable attack on the life of Senator Robert Kennedy, and transmits its expressions of solidarity on this tragic occasion.

ALBERTO E. ABDALA
President

JOSE PASTOR SALVAÑACH
Secretary

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Message from Uruguayan Senate on the Assault on Senator Robert F. Kennedy

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1. VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY HAS REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE
BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE URUGUAYAN SENATE:

QUOTE DEAR PRESIDENT ABDALA:

THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. AS PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES SENATE, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
MESSAGE. YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH US IN THIS TIME OF GRIEF IS A
SOURCE OF COMFORT AND CONSOLATION.

SINCERELY,

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY UNQUOTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE,
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY URUGUAYANS. RUBK

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CAPE TOWN 111

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SUBJECT: NATAL REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH.

1. THE GENERAL SYMPATHETIC REACTION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC, REPRESENTING ALL POLITICAL, RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS, TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH WAS NOTHING LESS THAN ASTONISHING. THE BOOK OF CONDOLENCES CONTAINED 350 SIGNATURES AFTER THE FIRST DAY.

2. INTER-RACIAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICES WERE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, DURBAN, INITIATED AND PRESIDED OVER BY ARCHBISHOP DENNIS HURLEY.

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PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED TEN MINISTERS OF ALL FAITHS. APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED MOURNERS, INCLUDED THE MAYOR, THE MAYORESS, THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, MOST OF DURBAN'S CONSULAR CORPS, AND MRS ALBERT LUTHULI. A REQUIEM MASS WAS CELEBRATED IN SENATOR KENNEDY'S HONOR IN PIETER-MARITZBURG JUNE 8. THE MASS WAS WELL ATTENDED, THE MAJORITY OF THE MOURNERS BEING STUDENTS.

3. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE AND COMMENT CONTINUED OVER THE FIVE-DAY PERIOD. THE NATAL WITNESS EDITORIALIZED ON JUNE 6,

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GOYIC ZIT BRINGS A TERRIBLE PRICE TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY FOR THE PUBLIC SPIRITEDNESS AND WILLINGNESS WHICH THEIR SONS HAVE SHOWN IN THEIR DESIRE TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY". THE DAILY NEWS JUNE 7 EDITION FEATURED EXTRACTS FROM THE SENATOR'S SPEECHES DURING HIS 1966 TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH REITERATED THE SENATOR'S VIEW THAT IT WAS NOT ONE MAN ONE VOTE THAT WAS IMPORTANT, BUT AN INDICATION OF A CHANGE OF DIRECTION IN SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICIES THAT WOULD HELP TO CHANGE SOUTH AFRICA'S IMAGE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD. THE NATAL MERCURY, IN ITS EDITORIAL OF JUNE 7, 1968, NOTED THATS "HIS LUNATIC KILLING HAS ROBBED CONTEMPORARY OPINION AND THE

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JUDGMENT OF HISTORY OF A VALID VERDICT. HAD HE LIVED THE COURSE OF AMERICAN AND WORLD EVENTS MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN CHANGED. WHATEVER THE IMPACT OF HIS FUTURE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAN ONLY BE CONJECTURED. BUT THE MANNER OF HIS GOING MUST BE A SOURCE OF UNIVERSAL MOURNING AND DISMAY". THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE EDITORIAL OF JUNE 9, 1968 NOTED THAT IT WAS SENATOR KENNEDY'S "BELIEF IN THE ABILITY OF YOUTH TO EXCEL, HIS CONFIDENCE IN THEM THAT EVOKED A WARM RESPONSE.... HIS SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND UNDERPRIVILEGED GAVE HIM A MASSIVE FOLLOWING.... THESE TWO QUALITIES EXPLAIN THE ATTITUDE OF SOUTH AFRICANS TO BOBBY KENNEDY. HE WAS WELCOMED AND RESPECTED BY THE YOUNG, BY THE STUDENTS, BY THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED, AND BY ALL SOUTH AFRICANS WHO OPPOSED APARTHEID AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR. HE WAS DISLIKED, EVEN HATED, BY THOSE WHO RECOGNIZED IN HIM A LIVING CHALLENGE TO PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION. NOW HE IS DEAD, THE VICTIM OF A VIOLENT SOCIETY. THE TWIN TOMBSTONES OF JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY ARE A TRAGIC REPROACH TO A WORLD SOURED AND CORRUPTED BY INTOLER-ANCE, RACIALISM AND RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE". DUGGAN

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SUBJECT: CONTINUING MEDIA REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: BRUSSELS 7090 AND 7134

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1. PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE, FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO FUNERAL SERVICES AND BURIAL AT ARLINGTON AND BOTH FRENCH AND FLEMISH LANGUAGE TELEVISION CARRIED FUNERAL SERVICES VIA SATELLITE.

2. MANY PAPERS CONTINUED TO USE OCCASION TO PRODUCE CRITIQUES OF ALLEGED ILLS AMERICAN LIFE AND SOCIETY. WASHINGTON DISPATCH TO LA DERNIERE HEURE (LIBERAL) HELD THAT A "CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE" WAS NOW "PART OF DAILY AMERICAN LIFE." PAPER REMARKED THAT IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REALIZE OUTSIDE OF US THE "CLIMATE OF HATE" SURROUNDING LATE SENATOR AND THAT HIS "DISAPPEARANCE WOULD BRING SENTIMENT OF RELIEF TO CERTAIN NUMBER OF AMERICANS."

3. SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF PLOT. WRITING IN INFLUENTIAL DE STANDAARD (CATHOLIC), EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SAID "IMPRESSION WAS LEFT" THAT MURDERS OF TWO KENNEDYS AND MARTIN LUTHER KING FORMED "PART OF ONE GREAT CONSPIRACY." FREQUENT LINE IN PRESS IS THAT SUCH CONNECTION ONLY "LOGICAL."

4. INFLUENTIAL LA LIBRE BELGIQUE (CONSERVATIVE CATHOLIC) AND LA CITE (LABOR CATHOLIC) BOTH RAN SPECULATIVE PIECES ON CONSPIRACY THEME WITH LATTER PAPER HOLDING THAT "PREVAILING OPINION" IN US IS THAT PLOT INVOLVED. LA CITE WENT ON TO CONDEMN WARREN COMMISSION FOR COVER-UP AND MEMPHIS POLICE FOR "STRANGE"

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

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AMCONSUL CALCUTTA
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KENNEDY MEMORIAL MASS HELD THIS MORNING AT BOMBAY'S HOLY
NAME CATHEDRAL. VALERIAN CARDINAL GRACIAS, CATHOLIC PRIMATE
OF INDIA, OFFICIATED. IN CONCLUDING A SHORT EULOGY IN WHICH
HE PAID TRIBUTE TO ROBERT KENNEDY ESPECIALLY AS MAN OF
RELIGION AND EXEMPLARY FAMILY MAN, HE REQUESTED CONSUL
GENERAL TO CONVEY HIS DEEP SYMPATHY AND THAT OF ALL CATHOLICS
IN INDIA TO BEREAVED FAMILY.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2041

SUBJ: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: STATE 179480

1. GRATEFUL YOUR TALK WITH AMBASSAFOR BANDA.

2. ALTHOUGH KAUNDA SPEECH (LUSAKA 2026) REPLAYED ON RADIO ZAMBIA SUNDAY, THERE HAVE BEEN NO MORE ZAMBIAN REACTIONS OF NOTE. VICE PRESIDENT KAPWEPWE, FOREIGN MINISTER KAMANGA AND NATIONAL RESOURCES MINISTER KONOSO ATTENDED MEMORIAL REQUIEM MASS HELD SATURDAY AFTERNOON. OVER 430 ENTRIES IN CONDOLENCE BOOK WHEN CLOSED SUNDAY NOON INCLUDED WIDE VARIETY LOCAL PEOPLE. NO SIGNS DEMONSTRATION AND SINCE ATTENTION MOST PARTY OFFICIALS DIRECTED AT CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN AND YESTERDAY'S SABOTAGE OF LUANGWA BRIDGE ((REPORTED SEPARATELY), NONE EXPECTED.

3. AMBASSADOR ISSUED STATEMENT FRIDAY REFUTING SUGGESTIONS OF USG COMPLICITY (TEXT SENT USINFO, WILL ALSO BE POUCHED) AND EXPRESSED OFFICIAL CONCERN ABOUT SUCH SUGGESTIONS IN SUBSEQUENT LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER. FURTHER REPORTS AND TEXTS BY AIRGRAM.

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 FM AMEMBASSY BENGHAZI
 TO USIA WASHDC
 SECSTATE WASHDC 101
 INFO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

UNCLAS BENGHAZI 1038

JOINT USIA/STATE MESSAGE

1. ALL PUBLICATIONS BENGHAZI THIS WEEKEND CARRIED AS THEIR LEAD FRONT PAGE STORY SENATOR KENNEDY AND THE EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND TRIBUTE FROM WORLD LEADERS.

2. THE ENGLISH DAILY THE LIBYAN TIMES IN ONE OF ITS RARE COMMENTS STATES IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL, ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY WILL NOW BE USED BY ANTI-ARAB ELEMENTS IN U.S. TO SHATTER REMAINING TIES ARAB-U.S. FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. ONE PARAGRAPH STATES THAT "DWELLING ON THE FACT THE ASSASSIN CAME FROM JORDAN, MANIPULATORS OF U.S. PUBLIC OPINION HOPE TO CREATE A WAVE OF EMOTIONAL HYSTERIA TO LIQUIDATE WHATEVER IS LEFT OF AMERICAN GOOD WILL TOWARDS THE ARABS -- AN EASY TARGET DUE TO THE TREMENDOUS ZIONIST INFLUENCE IN THAT COUNTRY." EDITORIAL CONTINUED "IT INCONCEIVABLE, EVEN MONSTROUS TO THINK AN ARAB COULD DO SUCH A THING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE PLOT WAS AS MUCH ANTI-KENNEDY AS ANTI-ARAB. WE HOPE AND PRAY OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS WILL NOT FALL INTO THE TRAP OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO WIDEN THE SHISM BETWEEN THE ARAB AND AMERICAN PEOPLES".
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REF: DURBAN 295

SUBJ: SA POLICE INTEREST IN KENNEDY MOURNERS

1. FRIDAY JUNE 7, MR. TOULANE GCABASHE, PINE TOWN LAWYER AND SON-IN-LAW ALBERT LUTHULI, APPEARED AT CONGEN TO SIGN KENNEDY CONDOLENCE BOOK.

2. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SPECIAL BRANCH POLICEMAN STATIONED PINE TOWN VISITED CONGEN, EXAMINED CONDOLENCE BOOK AND SIGNED IT AS DICK SASY, PINE TOWN. HE ALSO INTERESTEDLY OBSERVED VISITORS FOR SHORT TIME.

3. MORNING JUNE 8, SPECIAL BRANCH REP VISITED GCABASHE AT HIS PINE TOWN OFFICE AND ADVISED HIM AND MRS. LUTULI NOT TO ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED THAT DAY CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL DURBAN. SB ADVISED GCABASHE THAT IT WOULD "GO HARD" WITH HIM IF HE ATTENDED, AND IF HE MOURNED REF HE COULD DO SO IN PRIVACY HIS HOME. TO THIS THREAT GCANASHE RESPONDED HE AND HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW WOULD INDEED ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE SINCE THEY RESPECTED REF AS PERSONAL FRIEND AND GREAT HUMANITARIAN, ADDING "YOU CAN BUILD A PRISON FOR ME IF YOU LIKE, BUT I REFUSE TO BUILD ONE FOR MYSELF".

4. PICTURES MRS. LUTHULI AND MR. GCABASHE ATTENDING MEMORIAL

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SERVICE PROMINENTLY FEATURED DURBAN SUNDAY TRIBUNE JUNE 9.

5. CONGEN STAFF OBSERVED SB VISIT TO OFFICE JUNE 7. GIST CONVERSATION PARA 3 GIVEN BY GCABASHE AS HE AND FAMILY INCLUDING MRS. LUTHUL PAID PERSONAL CONDOLENCE VISIT CONGEN RESIDENCE JUNE 9. DUGGAN

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1. IT BECAME EVIDENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY THAT AFRICANS AND FRENCH ALIKE HERE SAW ACT AS PART OF SAME "CONSPIRACY" WHICH THEY BELIEVE TOOK LIVES OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS INSTANT REACTION STEMS IN PART FROM FACT ALL THREE CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH CIVIL RIGHTS, AND FROM TYPICAL EUROPEAN OR EUROPEAN-ORIENTED MENTALITY WHICH ALWAYS ASKS "WHO PROFITS FROM THIS ACT?".

2. WHILE IT IS APPARENT THAT SENEGALESE AND FRENCH WISH TO SEE A PLOT, IT IS ALSO OBVIOUS THAT THEY WISH THIS IMAGINED PLOT TO TAKE FORM THEY DESIRE. THUS, DAKAR-MATIN HAS CAREFULLY POINTED OUT THAT SIRHAN WAS NOT MUSLIM, THEREFORE DID NOT ACT AS INSTRUMENT OF ANTI-ISRAELI ORGANIZATION (SIC).

3. AS OPINION HERE, AND I SUSPECT ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA AND THIRD WORLD, JELLS DURING CRUCIAL EARLY HOURS, EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS OFFICIAL AMERICAN APPROACH AND POSSIBLE OVER-AWARENESS OF ARAB SENSITIVITIES IS LEAVING THE FIELD TO THE ENEMY. ALREADY WIDELY QUOTED IS HUMANITE REMARK THAT SENATOR'S DEATH IS RESULT OF "LINE OF CONSPIRACY" BEGINNING WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH. MUCH CRITICAL TIME HAS ALREADY BEEN LOST, AND LITTLE TIME IS LEFT US TO CATCH UP TO ACCUSATION. AND THESE ACCUSATIONS, IF NOT KNOCKED DOWN, WILL PLAGUE US FOR YEARS TO COME IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.

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4. OF PRIME AND IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE IS IDENTITY OF ASSASSIN, WHICH IS ALREADY BEING CHALLENGED BY MIDDLE EAST NEWSPAPERS QUOTED HERE. SECOND, EYE-WITNESS REPORTS OF SHOOTING ARE CURIOUSLY LACKING HERE, A FACT WHICH PERMITS ANYONE TO CONSTRUCT AND PROPOGATE HIS OWN THEORY AS TO WHO DID SHOOTING, HOW MANY DID IT AND MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS DONE. REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE RIGHTS OF ACCUSED, BUT THIS CAUTION IS ALLOWING MYTHS TO BE TRANSFIXED IN AFRICANS' MINDS.

5. SPECIAL SERVICE TRANSMISSIONS TO AFRICAN STATIONS, WIRELESS FILE TRANSMISSIONS AND VOA BROADCASTS AND NEWS SHOWS DEVOTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY TO ASSASSINATION WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ACCOMPLISHING ABOVE.
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1. SENGHOR TODAY TOOK BALANCED ATTITUDE ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. SAID HE BELIEVED US WOULD WORK OUT ITS PROBLEMS AND THAT HE DID NOT SHARE DESPAIR HE SAW ELSEWHERE.

2. IN ADDITION TO EARLIER TELEGRAMS TO MRS. KENNEDY, SAID HE HAD ALSO WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT AND TO SENATOR KENNEDY.
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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy, ALGIERS

DATE: June 10, 1968

SUBJECT : Commemoration of Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

The murder of Senator Kennedy was given generally good coverage in the information media, however Government restraint was evident in interpretation of the event. Apparently because of the Arab origin of the presumed assassin and for "anti-imperialist" reasons, official regrets were not expressed and editorializing went so far as to suggest a Zionist plot. There were copious quotes from commentators who spoke of America's sick society, and the unnecessary remarks by Los Angeles Mayor Yorty were also given good coverage. The late Senator's recent remarks in support of Israel were apparently not forgiven and also contributed to the unbecoming silence and absence of official regrets at his passing.

In view of this atmosphere and of the generally poor state of U.S.-Algerian relations, a memorial service was not organized. A memorial book was opened in the Chancery and was signed by those who knew of it. A copy of the signatures is enclosed for the record, which should note also other expressions of sympathy. Members of this mission received numerous telephone calls and letters from non-Algerian friends registering deep grief and condolences. There is enclosed a typical list of those who telephoned to me. Numerous other non-Algerians also expressed regret at receptions and dinners which we recently attended. Enclosed for the Department and Kennedy archives are copies of letters received from diplomatic and other friends. Each letter has been appropriately acknowledged.

Because of the official Algerian attitude described above, it would be embarrassing, at least under present circumstances, to disclose the names of the several Algerians who took initiative to condole us.

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Scholars and others should be advised to keep such names confidential for at least the time being.

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1. Signatures in Memorial Book (1 page)
2. List of those who made telephone calls to Charge d'Affaires, a. i.
3. Copies of letters and notes of sympathy (10 in all)

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LIST OF THOSE WHO MADE TELEPHONE CALLS TO CHARGE d'AFFAIRES, A. I.
ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JUNE 5-6.

Maitre Mohammed Rouis, Lawyer, Algerian

Mrs. Doganis, Free Lance Journalist, British

His Excellency Gerardus Veling, Netherlands Ambassador

Colonel Larrieu, French Senior Military Attache

Father Vincent O'Hara, la Grande Seminaire, Kouba, British subject.

His Excellency Stephanos G. Rocanos, Greek Ambassador

His Excellency Ismail Soysal, Turkish Ambassador

Nicholas Fenn, British Charge d'Affaires

Marc Desire Dibandjo, Cameroun Charge d'Affaires

Madame Chanderli, Italian wife of former Algerian (pre-independence)
representative at U.N.

Gert Strenziok, Chief, German Interests Section, Swiss Embassy

Madame Diaz Casanueva, wife of Chilean Ambassador

His Excellency Humberto Diaz Casanueva, Chilean Ambassador

Faruk Choudhoury, Pakistan First Secretary

Jose Maria² Ulrich Rojas, Spanish First Secretary

Horacio Alberto Portela, Argentine Ambassador

Francois Durieux, Reuters, French citizen

George Winter, Sinclair Oil Company, American

Kris Noermattias, Indonesian Charge d'Affaires

Miss Yasmina Belkacem, FLN war heroine, Algerian citizen

Yuriy Kovaltchouk, Sinclair Oil Company, French citizen

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
EN ALGÉRIE

ALGER, le 6 juin 1968

L'AMBASSADEUR

Mon cher collègue,

La fin tragique du Sénateur KENNEDY et, il y a quelques jours, la disparition du sous-marin "Scorpion" et de son équipage frappent douloureusement la grande nation américaine.

Je voulais, dans ces pénibles circonstances, vous dire la part que cette Ambassade et moi-même prenons au deuil de votre Pays./.

*Croyez, Mon cher Collègue, à
l'assurance de mes sentiments les meilleurs*

Pierre de Loussé

Monsieur Lewis HOFFACKER
Chef du Services des Intérêts
Américains
4, chemin Cheikh Bachir Brahimi
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ALGER 6th April 1968.

DÉLEGATION APOSTOLIQUE

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N. 212

Dear Mr. Hoffacker,

The sad news of the untimely death of Senator Robert Fitzgerald Kennedy, at the hand of an insane criminal, fills my heart with profound deep sorrow and bitterness.

At this moment of hard trial for the United States of America, I present to you my sincerest sympathy and offer my humble prayers for the repose of the soul of this great patriot who lost his life so tragically while struggling to defend the rights of men.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the senses of my esteem and highest consideration.

+ *L. Portalupi*

+ Mgr Sante Portalupi
Apostolic Delegate.

Mr. LEWIS HOFFACKER
Counselor
United States of America
Villa Mektoub

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*I join Mgr. Portalupi
in expressing sincere
Mgr. Paul Giglio
Auditeur de Nunciature
Condolence & Deep
Sympathy
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G. Y. A. VELIN⁶
Neth. ambassador



Algiers,
6th June '68

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Dear Colleague,

A few minutes ago I
received the news of death
of Senator Robert Kennedy, and
I hasten to write you these
few lines, to give expression
of my feelings of horror - and
great sadness over the dreadful
incident, which deprived so
tragically your country and people
of a great man.

My sympathy and heart goes
out to Mrs Robert Kennedy and
children. Her great sorrow must
be shared not only by all her
countrymen but also by all
people of good will in this
world.

Be assured, my dear colleague,



of my feelings of great sympathy
and of those of my collaborators
and members of the Netherlands
community in Algeria, for you
and Mrs Hoffacker, your fellow-
workers and countrymen in this
country - on these sad and
tragic days

very sincerely

Georg



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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ALGIERS.

6th. June 1968.

Dear Lewis,

You were out when I called this afternoon to sign the book. May I therefore confirm now what I said on the telephone this morning?

There are no words to describe the sense of shock and sorrow which all of us feel at the death of Senator Kennedy — shock at the outrageous manner of his death, and sorrow for his long-suffering family and for period of trial and trouble for the whole American people. On behalf of this Embassy and the British community in Algiers, I send you our deepest sympathy. And to you and Connie, Susan and I send our thoughts and prayers.

TO THE SECRETARY
OF THE
LEGATION

May I add my thanks for your
splendid help over our Queen's Birthday Party.
The glasses have already been returned, and
I hope to be able to send back the whisky
within a few days.

Thanks, too, for the note on Vietnam
Every best wish to you all.

Mike Fern

British Charge d'Affaires

ALGER, le 6 juin 1968.

AMBAassade
DE
BELGIQUE

L'Ambassadeur

Cher Collègue et Ami,

C'est avec une profonde émotion et consternation que j'ai appris la triste nouvelle de l'issue fatale de l'attentat contre le Sénateur Robert Kennedy.

Sa mort violente laissera sans aucun doute un grand vide, non seulement dans la vie publique américaine, mais aussi dans celle du monde libre. Avec lui disparaît un homme qui s'était donné coeur et âme à son pays, qui s'était efforcé de comprendre les aspirations du peuple américain tout entier et qui avait l'espoir dans un monde meilleur.

Soyez, je vous prie, mon interprète auprès de la famille du défunt et de votre Gouvernement, pour leur transmettre l'expression de ma déférente sympathie et de mes sincères condoléances dans le deuil cruel qui les frappe.

Croyez-moi, mon cher Collègue et Ami,

Très Sincèrement Voté

André L. de VOGELAERE.

Monsieur Lew HOFFACKER,
Conseiller de l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis,
c/o Ambassade de Suisse,
Section des Intérêts Américains,
Chemin Chaïkha Bachir Brahimi,
El Biar - Alger

Alger, le 6 Juin 1968

Monsieur Lewis Hoffaker
Ambassadeur des Etats Unis à Alger

Mon cher ami,

Je rentre de voyage pour apprendre la mort tragique
du Sénateur Robert Kennedy et je tenais à vous faire part
immédiatement de ma profonde sympathie à cette occasion.

J'ai eu l'honneur de rencontrer à plusieurs reprises
le Sénateur Kennedy et je sais combien son décès est une
perte pour la Nation américaine.

Je vous prie de trouver ici l'expression très sincère
de mes condoléances émues et de croire qu'en ses heures
tristes votre pays pleure l'un de ses fils les plus brillants,
il est de par le monde des amis qui partagent votre peine.

Bien cordialement vôtre,

A. J. Kennedy

Abdoul Chénoua
Ministre

EMBAJADA DE CHILE

ALGER, le 6 Juin 1968.

Monsieur
Lewis Hoffacker
Chef du Service des
Interets des
Etats Unis d'Amerique
Alger.

Cher Ami,

Nous apprenons avec douleur
la terrible nouvelle de l'assassinat du Sénateur
Robert Kennedy. C'est un gran malheur pour les
Etats Unis et pour le monde entier.

Veillez recevoir, Cher Ami,
l'expression de nos sentiments attristés et de
notre meilleure sympathie.

H. Diaz Casanueva
Humberto DIAZ-CASANUEVA
Ambassadeur du Chili



AMBASSADEUR DE FINLANDE

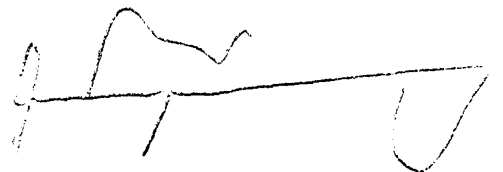
Helsinki. June 5th, 1940

Dear Lewis,

I just heard in the radio the end
news. The attempt against Senator
Rosenberg is a horrible crime, a crime against
a courageous man, against America, against the
entire humanity. What happens to Americans,
happens to all of us. America must overcome
this terrible deterioration of human relations.
Otherwise all values of the human life, which
we understand them, will be compromised.

Please believe to my sincere
sympathy,

cordially yours

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'H. J. ...', written in dark ink.

BEATRIZ ARAMBURU DE PINERO

et Martha Pinciro

Vous expriment tous pour ces
deux personnes pour la mort
deux du sénateur Robert Kennedy -

Alejandro H. Pinciro
Premier Secrétaire d'Ambassade
de la République Argentine

Le CAPITAINE DE FRÉGATE ANDRÉ CALEN

Attaché Naval
près l'Ambassade de France à Alger

Très attristé par la tragique nouvelle
du décès du sénateur Robert Kennedy,
vous prie de bien vouloir agréer ses
sentiments de triste condoléance.

Let 6/1

MR & MME CHARLES CRETTEIN

*partagent la douleur
de nos amis américains*

et vous prie de
croire à leur
profonde sympathie



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SUBJECT: KUWAITI REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ALTHOUGH KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CHIEF
TOPIC PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS IN KUWAIT THIS
WEEK, PUBLIC MEDIA LIMITING RAPPORTAGE TO
PRESS AGENCY RELEASES. ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE
DAILY NEWS HAS RUN COMMENTARY, VIZ., "EVERYBODY
IN ARAB WORLD THINKS THAT ASSASSINATION ... IS
NOT WORK OF SINGLE INDIVIDUAL BUT A BIG VENEMOUS
PLOT TO ELIMINATE THOSE WHO SEEK RIGHT AND TRUTH.
BEHIND SIRHAN IS BLACK UGLY HANDS THAT PUSHED HIM
AND OSWALD ... TO SILENCE KENNEDY BROTHERS."

2. EMBASSY'S KUWAITI CONTACTS DEPLORE ASSASSINATION.
FOREIGN MINISTER DISPATCHED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO
SIGN BOOK ON BEHALF GOK, AND A FEW OTHER TOP-RANKING
FORMIN OFFICIALS HAVE PHONED OR CALLED ON
AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES. SOME
PROMINENT KUWAITIS, INCLUDING CCEFS POLITICAL
SECTION OF FORMIN AND AMIR'S DIWAN EXPRESSED
PARTICULAR CONCERN SIRHAN'S ARAB

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BACKGROUND MAY SERIOUSLY INHIBIT ARAB
DIPLOMATIC AND PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS
IN U.S.

3. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SPECIAL MASS
ATTRACTED FULL HOUSE, CHIEFLY PAKS AND INDIANS.

4. CONDOLENCES RECEIVED FROM CHIEFS OF MISSION
OF ITALY, PAKISTAN AND FRANCE.

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